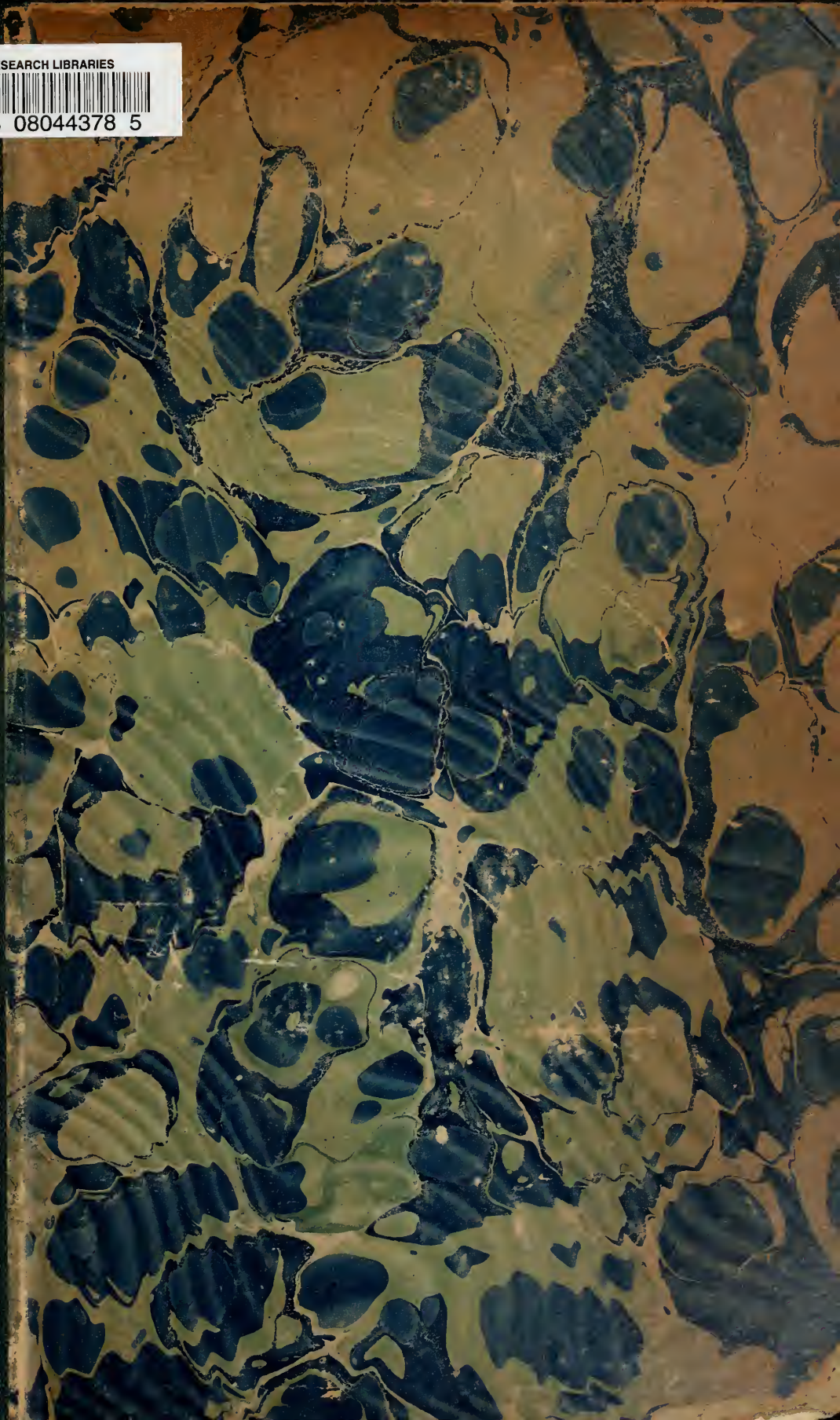


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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

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It must be confessed that an Orderly Book does not make very interesting reading, even when it represents an army in action. It is still less interesting when it depicts a garrison life, the monotony being broken only by the records of courts martial, or by a possible call from the outside for troops. At the same time, it is from such books that valuable facts may be found to complete other and more important records. The evolution of an army from the aggregation of raw recruits yielding to the iron discipline of military law, the development and application of this discipline, the daily life in camp, the movement of corps and brigades, the details of army organization, and often the words of praise and blame addressed by a commander to his men, that throw light upon the character of the leader, and often his plans,—these are some of the matters that can be best learned from a study of the general orders, and on the determination of which may rest more important historical problems. Written as they often were by ignorant men, who could hardly write and certainly could not spell, containing the only record we have of courts martial and their decisions, they take us into the ranks, and show better than any thing else could show, of what materials the Contin-

ental army was composed, and the enormous detail and perplexity that confronted the leaders in their task of making it a compact and homogeneous mass, ready and able to move as a war machine, subject to the will of the mind at its head.

I have, in a measure, altered the usual procedure of dealing with such records. Each brigade, each division and each corps were supposed to keep an Orderly Book, in which were copied the general orders issued by the Commander-in-chief, and the detachment or regimental orders. In the grand army, therefore, the books would contain much the same matter, differences being due to carelessness in copying, to detachments of brigades, and to a subject of local importance brought to the notice of the adjutant. It was thought unnecessary to confine this publication to a single record, for the movements of a detachment were not of sufficient importance to warrant it. I have therefore taken three such records of Heath's orders, and combined them into one, making the orders as complete as the series could afford the material; without undertaking to discriminate what parts, often only a phrase or sentence, were taken from each individual book. This liberty was taken because the writers of the books could not be identified, the corps or regiment to which they belonged was a matter of conjecture, and the repetition of such a record in three volumes, differing but little from one another, would have been needless. A full record was wanted, and  
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that is what I have sought to give; taking from each one what was needed to attain this fullness, and noting any differences that might be of assistance to the reader.

Major-General William Heath, the writer of these orders, was by taste and experience well fitted to take a high command in the Continental army. At the outbreak of the Revolution he was thirty-eight years of age, and young enough to have his reputation before him, and not like so many of the commanders who came forward then, depending upon their service in the French and Indian War of 1756-1763, whose age rendered their services of such doubtful utility as to lead to their being superseded by more active men. He was appointed a brigadier general by the provincial assembly of Massachusetts, and, rendering valuable services in organizing and training the raw militia that came before Boston, was made a major general by the same body. When the Continental Congress assumed the control of the army then before Boston—chiefly composed of New England troops—Heath was given a commission of brigadier-general, and in August, 1776, was promoted to the rank of major-general. As such he was placed in command of the posts in the Highlands, which Washington regarded as the most important, indeed of vital importance, to the American cause, and in 1777 was given the command of the eastern department, with headquarters at Boston. It was here that the following orders were issued, and  
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though only a partial record, covering less than one-half the time of his command, they are sufficient to show the ordinary life in a garrison town, and will be supplemented by other records of the same nature.

One of the Orderly Books from which I have compiled these orders appears to have belonged to Colonel William Raymond Lee, commanding a Massachusetts regiment, which, with Henley's and Jackson's regiments, are frequently mentioned in Revolutionary letters, as they do not appear to have been organized as regular Continental troops, but upon an independent basis. It was not until 1779 or 1780 that what remained of them was incorporated with the Continental army, when their identity was merged into that of the main army. I have, in this volume, included certain orders issued while Lee's regiment was on the march, at Peekskill, when under the command of Major-General Putnam, and when on detachment at Lancaster; but I have omitted the orders issued by Washington when this regiment was with the main army at White Marsh, and those of Sullivan when in command at Rhode Island, as it is my intention to print them in separate volumes.

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*Washington, D. C., 30 June, 1890.*

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**MAJOR-GENERAL HEATH'S ORDERS.**



## ORDERLY BOOK.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 23 MAY, 1777.

Parole, *Woodbridge*. C. Sign, ———.

Major Andrew Brown is appointed Deputy Muster Master for the Eastern Department of the army of the United States of America. He is to be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Several Officers being under arrest and a number of Soldiers under Guard, the General Court Martial is to sit without further delay. The President\* will fill up the Court with such officers as may be found in Town. Capt. Crafts† is to act as Judge Advocate. Major Andrew Symmes, officer of the Day.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 24 MAY, 1777.

Some of the Inhabitants of the Town having requested that there may be no Drumming on the Lord's Day, as the Garrison is not very considerable, and the

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\* Col<sup>o</sup> John Greaton.

† Probably Captain Edward Crafts, formerly of Colonel Gridley's regiment of artillery. In September, 1775, he had been severely reprimanded for using abusive expressions to Major Gridley.

Guards but few, the beatings on the Lord's Day, except on some special occasion, is to be omitted until further orders.

If there are any Invalids or Soldiers not well enough to endure the Fatigues of a long march in any of the Regiments, their names are to be returned immediately, and they will be posted as Guards at the Provision Stores, etc.

Major Symm's Detachment will hold themselves ready to Parade on the Shortest Notice with Arms and Accoutrements complete.

The Adjutants of the Regiments quarter'd at Cambridge, are to be very attentive to the Guards, and also in furnishing such Fatigue Men as may be daily called for to assist at the different stores.

Notice to be given to the Head Quarters the Day before any Detachment marches off, as particular orders will be given to the Commanding officer.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 25 MAY, 1777.

A subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, and 30 Men from Col<sup>o</sup> Alden's \* Regiment, are to be detached as a guard to the Powder which is to be sent to Springfield. They are to be ready to march to-morrow. The officer will receive written Instructions for his Conduct.

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\* Ichabod Alden, formerly Lieutenant-Colonel in the regiment of Col. Theophilus Cotton.

A Corporal

A Corporal and six men from Col<sup>o</sup> Greateon's\* Reg<sup>t</sup> are to Guard Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Lincoln's Baggage to Peekskill. The waggon will be at Roxbury Meeting House precisely at 12 o'Clock, on Wednesday next. The Guard is to be punctual to the time. The officer will receive written Instructions.

The General is very sorry to Find it necessary again to Forbid the Soldiery committing abuse to the Barracks, which is daily practised in a most scandalous *manner*, and he does in the most positive manner call upon the officers of all ranks to exert themselves to prevent such injury being done to the Publick, and which the General thinks, if officers would exercise a proper authority, might be prevented.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 26 MAY, 1777.

Three men are to be added to the Labratory Guard, and 1 Sentry mounted by that Guard at the General Hospital in Winter street. The sentry will take directions from Doctor Warren.†

Col. Crane‡ will order an officer with a detachment of his Regiment to be ready to parade upon the approach of Genl. Hancock to the Town.§ He will re-

\* Col. John Greateon, of the 3d. Mass. Regiment.

† Dr. John Warren.

‡ John Crane, of the Massachusetts Regiment of Artillery.

§ Hancock had just resigned the Presidency of the Continental Congress.

move the Brass four pounder from Fort Hill to the state Laboratory and put it under the charge of the sentry there.

Upon notice being given of the approach of General Hancock, the Field and Commission officers belonging to the several Regiments in the service of the United States of America, who may be in this Town or its Vicinity, are to Parade on the Common near the Pound, in full uniforms with their swords.

The funeral of Major Williams \* is to be to-morrow afternoon at Roxbury.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 27 MAY, 1777.

Capt. Benj<sup>a</sup>. Brown, of Col<sup>o</sup>. Michael Jackson's Reg<sup>t</sup>., tryed at the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court Martial whereof Col<sup>o</sup>. Greateon is President, charged with refusing to assist the Magistrates in the Execution of their office in apprehending, taking up and bringing to justice a number of men belonging to his Company, agreeable to the 1st. Article of the 10th Section of the Rules and Regulations of the Army, etc.

The Court are unan. of opinion that the Charge brought against Cap<sup>t</sup>. Brown has not been supported, and consequently he has not been guilty of a Breach of any of the Articles for the Government of the

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\* Major Edward B. Williams died May 25, 1777. He was a Major in Col. John Greateon's regiment.

American Army; therefore that he be acquitted with Honor.

The General approves the opinion of the Court and orders Cap<sup>t</sup>. Brown to be released from his arrest immediately.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Bailey, tryed at the same General Court Martial for enlisting a number of men that were before enlisted by Capt. Allen \* in Col<sup>o</sup>. Alden's Regiment, and for infamous and ungentlemanlike conduct, etc.

The Court are unanimously of opinion that Capt. Bailey has been guilty of a Breach of the third Article of the 6<sup>th</sup> Section, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Article of the 14<sup>th</sup> Section of the Regulations of the Army, and that he shall be cashiered and return all the Bounty Money which he has received to the men he enlisted.

The General approves the opinion of the Court and orders Capt. Bailey to pay the Bounty Monies agreeable to the orders of the Court, and that he leave the Army immediately.

William Barton, soldier in Captain Allen's Company, Col. Alden's Regiment, tryed at the same General Court Martial for Desertion, no evidence appearing against the Prisoner, the Court acquit him and order him to join Col<sup>o</sup>. Alden's Regiment.

John Burk, Soldier in Capt. Sumner's † Company, Col<sup>o</sup>. Greaton's Regiment, tryed at the same Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court Martial for enlisting twice; the Court find him guilty,

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\* Robert Allen.

† Capt. Job Sumner.

and sentence him to receive 50 Stripes on his bare back and return to Capt. Hunt \* all that he has received of him, and joyn Capt. Sumner's company where he first enlisted; but some favorable circumstances appearing to the Court they recommend him to the General's favor.

The General approves the two last sentences, and orders Barton released from Confinement, and to joyn his Regiment, and Burk to refund to Capt. Hunt whatever he may have received from him. Remits the stripes and orders him to joyn his Regiment.

Complaint having been made of the bad conduct of the Magazine Guard at Charlestown, the General calls upon that Guard to be carefull, vigilant and alert; a contrary conduct will not escape unnoticed.

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#### HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 29 MAY, 1777.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> House of Representatives having represented that the frequent Drumming around and near the Court House greatly interrupts the Debates of the Assembly, and desire that a stop may be put thereto, the General therefore forbids any Beating of Drums during the sitting of the Council or House of Representatives (except on some special occasions) either for practising or on Duty, above the Coffee House in Con-

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\* Probably Capt. Abraham Hunt, of the first Mass. Regt. (Vose's), who resigned in April, 1780.



gress Street, or between the Old Brick Meeting House, and the Town Pump in the Main Street. Fife Major Hywill will fix a parade for the Musick of Col<sup>o</sup> Crane's Battalion, somewhere without the before mentioned Limits.

Such of the Drafts as have not had the small pox are not to be innoculated here, but are to joyn their respective Regiments, where they will be innoculated.

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#### HEAD-QUARTERS, 30 MAY, 1777.

Col<sup>o</sup> Vose is appointed President of the General Court Martial in the room of Col<sup>o</sup> Greateon, who is excused. The Court is to sit to-morrow morning, and as soon as possible try all such Prisoners belonging to the Army as are confined either in Goal or at the Main Guard; the Members of the Court are carefully to attend, as are also all Evidences and Persons concerned.

Such of the Drafts for completing the Regiments as have not had the small pox, are not to be inoculated here, but to march as soon as they are equip'd to the places of their destination, where they will undergo the operation of that disorder.

The several Colonels are to exert themselves in equipping and marching off their men. They will pay the strictest attention to the obtaining as much cloathing as possible for them, without which they will suffer great Inconveniences. A Return of such Men as are  
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not able to endure the Fatigues of a long March is to be immediately given in, agreeable to a former order.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 31 MAY, 1777.

If there are any Recruits belonging to either of the Regiments destin'd to Peekskill who have not had the Small Pox (except they are new Drafts) they are to be this Day or to-morrow sent to the Inoculating Hospital at Prospect Hill, as after to-morrow no person is to be inoculated at that place, but every endeavor used to cleanse the Barracks from the infection of the small pox as soon as possible.

Strict attention is to be paid to the order of the 29th inst. respecting the beating of Drums near the Court House, and the officers who may at any time be on charge when recruiting parties or others may through inattention act contrary to such order, are desired to correct such mistakes.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 1 JUNE, 1777.

Elijah Burnham, a soldier in Col<sup>o</sup> Marshall's\* Regiment, tryed at the General Court Martial, whereof Col<sup>o</sup> Vose is president, accused with stealing a shirt and pair of stockings; no evidence being produced against him, the court adjudge that he be discharged from the Guard.

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\*Thomas Marshall.

The General approves the judgment, and orders him to be released and to join his Regiment immediately.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 2 JUNE, 1777.

Benjamin Vary, a soldier in Col<sup>o</sup> Crane's Battalion of Artillery, tryed at the General Court Martial, of which Col<sup>o</sup> Vose is President, for desertion: the Court find him guilty, and adjudge him to receive one hundred lashes on his naked back for said offence.

The General approves the judgment, and orders it to be put in execution to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, on the Commons, by the Drummers of the Regiment.

Whenever any of the Troops are quartered in any of the Barracks, the Barrack Master, or Deputy Barrack Master is to take a view of the condition the Barracks are then in, and on the Day that such Troops are to leave the Barracks, they are again to be viewed as aforesaid, and if it shall appear that they have been injured, report is to be made thereof immediately, that the Damage may be charged to those who commit it. The General is sorry to find after so many orders on this head, one more should be necessary, and hopes it will be duly noticed.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 3 JUNE, 1777.

Peter Hussey, a soldier in Col<sup>o</sup> Crane's Battalion,  
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tryed at the General Court Martial whereof Col<sup>o</sup> Vose is president, for desertion, and receiving the Bounty three times, the Court find that the Prisoner is guilty of inlisting twice, but from many alleviating circumstances in the case, and the second Bounty having been returned, and the Prisoner long confined, adjudge that he be kept in the Guard House till the Company to which he belongs shall be ready to march, and that he then joyn the Company. The General approves the judgment, and directs that it be accordingly put in Execution.

The punishment of Benj. Vary, which was to have been inflicted this morning, is suspended, on account of some particular representations of his case until further orders.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 4 JUNE, 1777.

The General Court Martial will be very careful tomorrow to see that all Prisoners under Confinement are brought to tryal, and in particular, one Morrison, who has been long confined in Goal. The Prisoners should at all times be brought to tryal as soon as possible, as long Confinement injures both the Prisoners and also the Public Service.

The men off Duty belonging to the Detachment under the Command of Major Symmes, are to parade with arms three times a week in future, at six o'clock P. M., viz<sup>t</sup>, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, when  
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they are carefully to be instructed in the Priming and Loading motions, and the different Firings, and some of the most useful Manovers, which are the Essentials of the Exercise.

The Guard at the Powder Magazine at Charlestown, is to consist of one Serjeant, one Corporal and twelve Men, until further orders. Strict attention is to be paid to the furnishing of them from the Regiments at Cambridge.

The General is surprised to hear the daily firing off Guns, which is not only very unsoldierlike, but also endangers the Inhabitants. It is, therefore, once more strictly forbidden, and such as offend, are to be immediately confined and reported.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 5 JUNE, 1777.

The assistant Q. M. G. is to furnish the necessary Teams for such Troops as are ready to march without a moment's delay.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 6 JUNE, 1777.

Edward Williams, a soldier in Capt. Cushing's Company, Col. Vose's Regiment, tryed at the General Court Martial whereof Col. Vose is President, for in-listing twice and receiving two Bounties: the Court find the Prisoner guilty, and sentence him to receive one hundred Lashes on his naked back, and that one  
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half of his pay shall be stopped each and every month, and paid to Capt. Page of Col. Francis's \* Regiment, till such Time as the full sum of Fifteen pounds ten shillings be refunded. The General approves the sentence and orders it to be put in Execution to-morrow morning on the Common, by the Drummers of Col<sup>o</sup> Crane's battalion, and that he joyn his Regiment, and that the stoppage of his wages be maid and paid as aforesaid.

Cornelius Teigh, a soldier in Col<sup>o</sup> Marshall's regiment, tryed at the same general Court Martial for Desertion, the Court are of opinion that he be confined in the Guard House until he is called for to march.

Samuel Morrison, a soldier in Col<sup>o</sup> Nixon's † Regiment, tryed at the same General Court Martial for inlisting twice and receiving two Bounties, it appearing to the Court that the Prisoner first inlisted in the Jerseys, with an officer of Col<sup>o</sup> Stark's ‡ Reg<sup>t</sup>, and was ordered to Cambridge, where he went and tarried some time, but could find no officer belonging to said Regiment, and being out of money, and having received no Bounty, he inlisted with Col<sup>o</sup> Nixon's Reg<sup>t</sup>, where he received his Bounty.

There being no Evidence against the Prisoner, and he having been confined near two Months, the Court are of opinion that he be permitted immediately to joyn Col<sup>o</sup> Nixon's Regiment.

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\* Ebenezer (?) Francis.

† John Nixon.

‡ John Stark.

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The General approves the opinion of the Court in the two last Instances, and orders Teigh to be kept confined, and Morrison to join Col<sup>o</sup> Nixon's Reg<sup>t</sup> immediately.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 7 JUNE, 1777.

If any British officer or Soldier who are prisoners of War, should be seen walking the Streets of this Town (unless under Guard), or shall presume to come near any Park of Artillery, Magazine, or Publick Store, they are to be taken up immediately, and reported to Head-Quarters. The following order, which was issued by his Excellency General Washington on the 8th ultimo, is to be carefully read once a week at the Head of each Regiment, on this Department of the Army, and strict obedience paid thereto; viz<sup>t</sup>

HEAD-QUARTERS, 8 MAY, 1777.

As few Vices are attended with more pernicious Consequences in Civil Life; so there are none more fatal in a military one, than that of Gaming;—which often brings disgrace and ruin upon officers, and injury and punishment upon the Soldiery.—And reports prevailing which, it is to be feared, are too well founded, that this destructive vice has spread its baneful influence in the Army, and in a peculiar manner to the prejudice of the Recruiting Service, the Commander in Chief, in the most pointed and explicit terms, forbids ALL officers and Soldiers playing at Cards, Dice, or at any games, except those of EXERCISE for diversion; it being impossible, if the practice be allowed at all, to discriminate between innocent play, for amusement, and criminal gaming, for pecuniary or sordid Purposes.

Officers attentive to their Duty will find abundant Employment in training and disciplining their Men; providing for them, and seeing

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that they appear neat, clean and soldierlike, nor will anything redound more to their Honour, afford them more solid amusement, or better answer the end of their appointment, than to devote the vacant moments they may have to the study of Military Authors.

The Commanding officer of every Corps is strictly enjoined to have this order frequently read, and strongly impressed upon the minds of those under his command. Any officer, or soldier, or other Person, belonging to, or following the Army either in Camp, in Quarters, or on the Recruiting service, or elsewhere, presuming under any pretence to disobey this order, shall be tried by a General Court Martial.

The General officers in each division of the Army are to pay the strictest attention to the due Execution thereof.

The Adjutant General is to transmit Copies of this order to the different departments of the Army; also to cause the same to be immediately published in the Gazettes of each State, for the information of officers dispersed on the recruiting service.

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#### HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 9 JUNE, 1777.

Complaint is repeatedly made that due attention is not paid to the relieving the Guards at Cambridge, and as sometimes it is pretended that there are not men in Quarters sufficient for the purpose, when the weekly and provision returns prove the contrary; the General directs that all soldiers in Quarters do Duty, whether their own officers be present or not, and all adjutants, and such as do adjutant's Duty, are carefully to attend to this matter. Major Andrew Brown is desired to regulate the Guards at Cambridge, and see that none be overfatigued, on the one Hand, or entirely escape Duty, on the other, and that the Guards be properly mounted and relieved in future.

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The members of the General Court Martial are Punctually to attend to-morrow morning at the time of adjournment, and are to proceed to the tryal of Elijah Woodward.

Col<sup>o</sup> Vose's adjutant having marched, Col<sup>o</sup> Crane's adjutant will see that the sentence of Edward Williams (which was to have been put in Execution on Saturday last), be put in execution to-morrow morning, agreeable to the orders of y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>l</sup>. The men belonging to Col<sup>o</sup> Sherburne's Regiment, who are quartered at Cambridge, are to do duty there.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 10 JUNE, 1777.

The officers are to pay the greatest attention to the obtaining of clothing for all such Troops as have not marched to the Places of their destination, and if possible, have them completely clothed before they march; the call for the speedy marching of the Troops, and the absolute necessity also that they be well clothed, are objects that require uncommon exertions.

The Colonels of the respective Regt<sup>s</sup> will take particular care before any of the officers, who have received money for the recruiting service, march to join the army, to inquire if the monies which they have respectively received, have been paid out in bounties, and if it appears the whole has not, the surplusage should be returned into the hands of the commanding officer at the rendezvous of the respective Regt<sup>s</sup> (whom  
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the Col<sup>o</sup> will appoint for that purpose), who will furnish the several recruiting officers who are left behind, to recruit the Regt<sup>s</sup> as occasion may require ; without this, the recruiting officers will be greatly embarrassed, and the publick service injured, as no more monies will be issued than is requisite to complete their respective regiments.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 11 JUNE, 1777.

The Pleasure of the hon'ble Congress with respect to the Execution of Peter Pickman Frye not having as yet been obtain'd, his execution is further suspended to Thursday, 19th inst.\*

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\* "Desertion of the soldiery from one Regiment, and inlisting into others, is too prevalent here. A general Court Martial last week sentenced one Peter Pickman Frye, late of Salem, a soldier in Col<sup>o</sup> Marshall's regiment, to be shott for desertion. I have approved the sentence, and ordered it to be put in execution on the 22d. Instant. He openly declared that he meant to desert to the enemy. Several others have been tryed for inlisting twice and three times, and deserting as often, and changing their names; for each of which, as capital crimes, they have been sentenced to receive one hundred lashes." *Heath to Washington*, 11 May, 1777. "The Friends of Peter Pickman Frye (who is under sentence to be shott for desertion) have earnestly requested a suspension of execution, until they can prefer a petition to the Honble Congress, and receive their determination thereon. As this request is backed by some gentlemen of distinction, I conceived it to be my Duty to indulge them with Time to present their Petition, and have suspended his Execution to the 12<sup>th</sup> of June next. His Friends beg a pardon, the public call for his Execution. The former say he is insane, the latter that he is more Knave than Fool. For my own part I neither

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The Quantity of Powder at Charlestown being much lessened, the Magazine Guard there is to consist of one Corporal and six Privates only, until further Orders.

Elijah Woodward, a Soldier in Capt. Knapp's\* Company in Col. Shepherd's† Regiment tried at the General Court Martial, whereof Col. Vose‡ is President for Desertion and inlisting twice, and receiving

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ask for a pardon, or execution, but shall strictly execute the pleasure of Congress." *Heath to Washington*, 19 May, 1777.

"Application having been made to this Committee, in behalf of Peter Pickman Frye, a soldier in the Continental army, now under sentence of Death for Desertion; by the Friends and Relations of the said Frye, requesting that the Committee would set forth his character to your Honors, from which they hope, his punishment may be remitted: The Committee would therefore beg leave to inform the Congress that he is a person, whom they think, from their knowledge of him, is not possessed of a common share of understanding: and that he is really incapable of committing a crime, maliciously and with design, deserving so severe a punishment, as that to which he is now sentenced. This Committee, therefore, would beg leave to intercede in behalf of this unhappy Person, and for the sake of his Friends and Connections, who are many of them of the most respectable Characters, Pray that his sentence may not be put in execution, but that the Congress would be pleased to grant him a Pardon, or at least to lessen his Punishment, as they in their wisdom shall think proper." *Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, (Mass.) to the Continental Congress*, Salem, 25 May, 1777. See order for 11 September, 1777, in this volume.

\* Moses Knapp.

† William Shepherd.

‡ Joseph Vose.

the Bounty twice, The Court are of opinion that the Prisoner is guilty of Breach of the first and third Articles of the sixth Section of the Rules and Articles for the Government of the Army of the United States of America,\* and adjudge that he receive one hundred Lashes on his naked Back for each Offence, and that Capt. Knapp, whose Company the Prisoner is to join, be directed to make stoppage in the Prisoner's Pay and Bounty till Capt. Bryant, of Col. Crane's Battalion,† is fully satisfied for the Cloaths and Money not recovered from the Prisoner.

The General approves the Judgment and orders it to be put in Execution to morrow Monday on the Common by the Drummers of Col. Crane's Battalion, and that the Prisoner be delivered to Capt. Knapp, who is carefully to make the stoppages, and pay same Capt. Bryant, as directed by the Court.

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\* "Art 1. All officers and soldiers, who having received pay, or having been duly inlisted in the service of the United States, shall be convicted of having deserted the same, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as by a court-martial shall be inflicted.

"Art. 3. No non-commissioned officer or soldier shall inlist himself in any other regiment, troop or company, without a regular discharge from the regiment, troop or company, in which he last served, on the penalty of being reputed a deserter, and suffering accordingly: And in case any officer shall, knowingly, receive and entertain such non-commissioned officer or soldier, or shall not, after his being discovered to be a deserter, immediately confine him, and give notice thereof to the corps in which he last served, he, the said officer so offending, shall by court-martial be cashiered." *Articles of War, 1776.*

† John Crane, of the Massachusetts Regiment of Artillery,

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The Adjutant of Col. Crane's Battalion to see that the Punishment is inflicted to-morrow.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 12 JUNE, 1777.

As the Time for which the Detachment of militia under the Command of Capt. Bumstead of the Boston Regiment were drafted to do duty expired this day, the General thanks them for their regular and soldier-like Behaviour, and the great Chearfulness which they have discovered in performing their duty.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 13 JUNE, 1777.

The following Resolve has passed the Hon'ble Continental Congress, viz:

IN CONGRESS, 27 MAY, 1777.

*Resolved*, That for the future there be only one Chaplain allowed to each Brigade in the Army, and that such Chaplain be appointed by Congress.

That each Brigade Chaplain be allowed the same Pay, Rations and Forage, that is allowed to a Colonel in the same Corps.

That each Brigadier General be required to nominate and recommend to Congress a proper Person for Chaplain to his Brigade, and that they recommend none but such as are Clergymen of experience and establish'd public Character for Piety, Virtue and Learning.

By order of Congress.

JOHN HANCOCK, *President*.\*

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\* For a letter of Washington on this subject see *Writings of Washington* (Ford's Edition), V., 418.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 14 JUNE, 1777.

As disputes often arise with respect to the Transportation of the public stores, whether the Loads are to be estimated at neat or gross weight, it is always to be understood in future that 112 lbs. neat is to be considered as an hundred weight, and twenty like hundreds a Ton, and that all public Stores which are transported by weight are to be loaded and the Carting paid accordingly.

As Cleanliness contributes to Health wherever the Troops are quartered in Barracks, the officers are to be particularly careful that the men are kept as clean and neat as possible, the Rooms daily swept and aired, and in fair weather the men's Blankets should be exposed to the sun and air, the Quarters should be frequently visited by the officers, the men's cooking and messes inspected. However trifling this may appear to some, it is absolutely necessary. In an army we must expect some Indolent men. Bad Habits should be eradicated as soon as possible, or their baneful effects soon spread in a Corps, and that which might at first have been easily reformed, by neglect may require much labor and pains. The Health, Cleanliness, and soldier-like appearance of a Corps all redound to the Honor of its officers, and are the best evidences of their abilities and attention to their Duty.

Complaint having been made that some of the Barracks at Cambridge, notwithstanding the express and repeated

repeated Orders to the contrary, have been injured in a most scandalous manner, the General, being determined that such abuses shall not pass with Impunity, desires that Col. Greateon, Col. Michael Jackson,\* Col. Alden, Lieut. Col. Fuller, and the Barracks master, would as soon as possible, repair to Cambridge and enquire into the matter, and, with the assistance of such Carpenters as they may think necessary, estimate the Damage and make report thereof.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 17 JUNE, 1777.

Cornelius Teigh, a Soldier in Cap<sup>t</sup>. King's† Company, Col. Marshall's‡ Regiment, tryed at the General Court Martial whereof Col. Vose is president, for Desertion and inlisting a second time, the Court find the prisoner guilty of a Breach of the first and third Articles of the sixth Section of the Rules and Articles for the Government of the Army of the United States of America, and adjudge that he shall receive One hundred Lashes on his naked Back for each Offence, and that Capt. King be directed to stop one half the Prisoner's Pay each and every Month, till the full sum the Prisoner received from Capt. Webb|| of Col. Shepherd's Regiment be repaid.§

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\* Of the 8th Mass. Regiment.

† Samuel King.

‡ Thomas Marshall.

|| George Webb.

§ Teigh was with the Regiment at White Plains in September, 1778.

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Richard Mitchell, a Soldier in Capt. Jenkins' \* Company, Col. Brewer's † Regiment, tryed at the same General Court Martial for Desertion and inlisting twice and receiving two Bounties, the Court find the Prisoner guilty of a Breach of the first and third Articles of the sixth Section of the Rules and Articles for the Government of the Army of the United States of America, and adjudge that he receive One hundred Lashes on his naked Back for each Offence, and that Capt. Jenkins be directed to stop one half the Prisoner's Pay, each and every Month, till the full sum the Prisoner received of Lieut. Parker, ‡ of Capt. Ballard's || Company be repaid.

The General approves the two beforegoing Judgments, and orders that they be put in execution tomorrow Morning at the Common, by the Drummers of Col. Crane's Battalion. The Adjutant of Col. Henry Jackson's Regiment is to see that the Punishments are inflicted, and that Teigh be delivered to Capt. King, and Mitchell to Capt. Jenkins, each of whom are directed to make the stoppages of the Pay of the Prisoners and the payment of it to the officers who have been injured, agreeable to the Order of the Court.

The Officers of Col. Lee's § and Col. Henry Jackson's Regiments are to make the necessary Prepara-

\* Josiah Jenkins.

† Samuel Brewer.

‡ Isaac (?) Parker.

|| William H. Ballard.

§ William Raymond Lee.



tions for the Muster of their respective Regiments by the first of July next. Major Brown, the Muster Master, will furnish them with a form of a Muster Roll agreeable to the Resolve of Congress.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 18 JUNE, 1777.

The Execution of Peter Pickman Frye, which was to have been to-morrow, is further suspended till Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> Instant.

The publick Service requiring that all Recruits belonging to the Continental Battalions should immediately join their respective Corps, all such as are equipt are to march without a moment's Delay.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 19 JUNE, 1777.

The Time to which the Detachment of Militia under the Command of Major Symmes of the Boston Regiment were engaged to do Duty, having expired this morning, the General thanks the Officers and Soldiers who composed it, for their regular and Soldier-like Behavior during the Time of their Engagement, no Complaints of Abuses, Irregularities, or Neglects of Duty having been made, and their general Deportment such as cannot fail to ensure them Honor.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 20 JUNE, 1777.

A Special General Court Martial to sit on Monday next, at nine o'clock in the morning, to consider the Report of a Court who were appointed by the orders of the fourteenth inst., to enquire into and estimate the Damage done to the Barracks at Cambridge, the Court will make such further Enquiry as they may think proper, and send for such officers or soldiers as they may think necessary to ascertain the Facts, and they are also to determine what Regiments or Persons ought to pay the Damage, and adjudge the respective sums accordingly.

COL. GREATON, *President*.

Col. Alden, Col. Mich'l Jackson, Col. Vose, Lt. Col. Brooks\*, Lt. Col. Fuller, and seven Commission Officers, Members.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 21 JUNE, 1777.

The Barrack Master and his Deputys are frequently to inspect the Barracks, and carefully observe if any new Injury be done to them, and prevent its being repeated. Such Troops as are quartered in the Barracks, are to have so much Room allotted to them as is necessary and no more. The Doors of the other Barracks are to be kept shut to prevent their being injured by stragglers or others.

\* John Brooks, of the 17th Mass. Regiment.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 23 JUNE, 1777.

Colonel Alden is to send a Captain to relieve Capt. Watson of Col. Greaton's Regiment, who has for some time had the Command of the Guard at the Innoculating Hospital on Prospect Hill. The old Guard is to remain on duty until further orders.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 24 JUNE, 1777.

No Patient is to be ordered from the General Hospital by any officer of the Regiment to which he belongs, or presume to leave it himself, untill he obtains a regular Discharge from the Senior Surgeon or Director of the Hospital.

In Case of an Alarm, Major Symmes's Detachment is immediately to parade completely ready for action, one half of them in the Fort on Fort Hill, and the other half on their Parade near the Grainery, where they will receive further orders. To prevent delay or Confusion, each man belonging to the Detachment is to be immediately acquainted to which place he is to repair, and all those not on guard are strictly to conform themselves accordingly. The Guards have already received Orders for their Conduct on such an Emergency.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 25 JUNE, 1777.

The Special General Court appointed to consider,  
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the Report of the Court who were appointed by the Orders of the fourteenth Ins<sup>t</sup>, to inquire into and estimate the Damage done to the Barracks at Cambridge, and to determine what Regiments or Persons ought to pay the Damage and adjudge the respective sums accordingly, having reported that after considering the said report, and heard the evidence of Col. Davis, Major Brown,\* and Adjutant Allen, are of opinion that the Barracks in Cambridge have been much abused and damaged, but think it a matter of the greatest doubt and uncertainty by whom, and cannot in justice report what Individual is guilty, or who ought to pay any part of said Damage, and that the Barrack Master has been very negligent in his Duty. The General approves the endeavors of the Court to determine the Damages and fix the Payment of them on those who were the perpetrators, but is truly sorry that such flagrant abuses of the Property of the publick should pass unpunished. The General flattered himself that after the Orders of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, a stop would have been put to such scandalous practices, as he then requested the exertion of Officers of all Ranks to suppress them, and as the Court of Enquiry have reported that Col. Alden's and Col. M. Jackson's Regiments were equally guilty in the Destruction of the Barracks, and Col. Putnam's† for the Time they were

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\* Andrew Brown.

† Rufus Putnam, of the 5th Mass. Regiment.

quartered in the Barracks, the General does therefore most expressly call upon the Colonels of those Regiments to send to him immediately the names of the officers ordered by them respectively to attend at the Rendezvous of the before mentioned Regiments.

The Special General Court Martial, whereof Col. Greateon was appointed President, is dissolved.

The Execution of Peter Pickman Frye is further suspended to Thursday the tenth day of July next. Col. Adin\* may send a Lieut. to Prospect Hill, instead of a Captain; as was directed in the orders of the twenty third Instant.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 26 JUNE, 1777.

Parole, *Alicant*.

C. Sign, *Boston*.

Col. H. Jackson's Regiment is to march early on Saturday morning next to Dorchester Heights, and relieve the Detachment of Militia under the Command of Col. Crafts, who are now doing Duty there. Col. Jackson will dispose of his Regiment in such a manner as most conveniently to mount the necessary Guards in each of the Forts at that Post.†

As General Hospitals are established at this place

\* This should be Alden.

† "I have posted Colo Jackson's Regiment at Dorchester Neck. Lee's is rendezvousing at Cambridge, being as yet too weak to do much duty except guarding the magazine, and stores at that place." *Heath to Washington*, 7 July, 1777.

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under the Direction of Doct<sup>r</sup>. John Warren, for the Reception of the sick and wounded of the Continental army, the surgeons of the several Regiments now rendezvousing in and near the Town of Boston are ordered to make Report to him of all such soldiers as cannot be properly attended in their respective Regiments, and immediately offer them for admission into the General Hospital, and all Persons concerned are hereby informed, that no charges for the private support or medical attendance of such will be defrayed by the Continent unless from due returns, reasonably made, it shall appear that the sick could not receive the Benefit of a General Hospital.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 27 JUNE, 1777.

Parole, *Concord*.

C. Sign, *Detroit*.

Messrs. John Hopkins, John Butterfield, and Robert Champney, are appointed Waggon Masters until further orders, and Messrs. Jonathan Parker, James Brewer, William Billings, Simeon Ashley, and William Fellows, Conductors until further orders.

In consequence of directions lately received by the Deputy Muster Master from the Commissary General of Musters, the Continental troops posted in the several New England States, are to be mustered the first of July next. Col. Lee's, Jackson's and Henley's\* Regiments are to make the necessary Preparations.

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\* David Henley.

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Col. Lee is to send a Sergeant, Corporal, and nine men as a Guard for the Provision Stores at Little Cambridge. The stores are at Messrs. Moses Robins's and Jonathan Winship's. At the former is a guard which is to be relieved and are to join their Regiments. A centinel is to be posted at each store. Col. Lee will also order two non-commissioned officers or capable Soldiers daily to assist Major Andrew Brown in inspecting and preserving the Barracks, &c. Four steady soldiers are to be ordered from the Regiments at Cambridge to cleanse the Barracks on Prospect Hill. The Deputy Barrack Master at Cambridge will assign quarters for Col. Henley's Regiment in the Barracks commonly known by the name of Patterson's.

The weekly Returns are to be punctually made; no excuses will be admitted.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 28 JUNE, 1777.

The Deputy Barrack Master at Cambridge will take particular care that no Troops are quartered in the Barracks in which the military stores are deposited or any Fire kindled in them on any pretence whatever.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 29 JUNE, 1777.

Parole, *Green.*

Countersign, *Hollis.*

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 30 JUNE, 1777.

Parole, *Jenkins*.

C. Sign, *Kingston*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 1 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Lovemoor*.

C. Sign, *Manchester*.

Isaac Tuckerman, jun'r, having been appointed a Deputy Barrack Master with orders to superintend and take care of the Barracks at Cambridge, the two Non-commissioned officers or capable Privates, ordered to be furnished by Col. Lee, will be unnecessary.

The General in the most express and positive Terms again forbids the granting of furloughs to the men; when the Campaign is nearly half spent to allow men to be absent on furloughs must appear disgraceful, and he is surprized to hear it has been practised by some.

Thomas Rice, a soldier in Col. Marshall's Regiment, tried at the General Court Martial, whereof Col. Vose is President, for deserting and inlisting a second time, the Court find the Prisoner guilty, and sentence him to receive fifty lashes on his naked back for each offence, and half his pay every month to be detained until the Recruiting officer of Col. Crane's Battalion, who inlisted him the second time, is repaid the Bounty paid by him. The General approves the sentence, but inasmuch as the Court have recommended the Prisoner to his mercy to remit the stripes, the infliction of the Punishment is suspended until further orders. The

Heinousness



Heinousness of the Crime of deserting and inlisting a second time, so much perpetrated of late, and being in its nature so baneful to the service, the General does not remit the stripes. The stoppage of half the Prisoner's pay is carefully to be made and paid agreeable to the order of the Court.

John Flygh, a soldier in Capt. Barnard's Company, Col. Wyllys' Regiment, brought before the same General Court Martial for Desertion, the Court are of Opinion that the prisoner be sent to the Regiment to which he belongs in Irons. The General approves the sentence of the Court, and orders that the Detachment of Col. Alden's Regiment, which is to march this Day or to-morrow for Peek Kill, take him under Guard to the Regiment before mentioned as ordered by the Court.\*

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 2 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Normandy*.

Countersign, *Olive*.

Col. Henry Jackson is to make a disposition of his

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\* Late in June, while Washington was at Middlebrook, watching a movement of Howe into New Jersey, he learned from the north of an intended approach of the British under Burgoyne towards St. John. He ordered Putnam to hold four Massachusetts regiments in readiness at Peekskill to go up the river at a moment's warning. Soon after Howe suddenly returned to New York, and Washington fearing a movement against the posts on the Hudson, moved his army to Morristown, and detached the brigades of Generals Parsons and Varnum to Peekskill, and ordered the four Massachusetts regiments to proceed to the northward, when the two brigades should be within marching distance of Peekskill. These four regiments formed Nixon's brigade.

Regiment

Regiment in three equal divisions, one of which is to be assigned to each of the Redoubts at Dorchester Heights, in which in case of alarm they are immediately to parade as their alarm Post. The officers and men are to be well informed to which Division and Redoubt they are assigned, that there may be no confusion or Loss of Time should any Emergency require Dispatch. As the Recruits join the Regiment, the Divisions are to be kept as near of equal strength as possible. Col. Jackson will draw twenty Rounds of Cartridge and Ball p<sup>r</sup>. man for his Regiment. This ammunition is not to be delivered to the men at present, but to be deposited in some safe and convenient place, ready to be delivered if occasion should require it. The Boatmen, who are employed in transporting the public Stores to Watertown, are to be very careful in raising and laying down Cambridge Bridge, to do it in such a manner as not to injure the Bridge, or endanger the passengers or carriages that pass over it, as complaint has been made of neglect in this respect. Strict attention is to be paid to this order.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 3 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Rippon*.

Countersign, *Stafford*.

To-morrow being the anniversary of American Independence, at twelve o'clock noon thirteen cannon are to be discharg'd from the Fort on Fort Hill,  
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and the like number from the Forts on Dorchester Heights.

The firing is to begin on Fort Hill. Col. Jackson's Regiment is to be under arms and fire three Rounds of Powder. Major Symmes's Detachment is to join Col. Hatch's Regiment of Militia (except such as are on Guard). This Detachment is to fire three rounds with Col. Hatch's Regiment.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 5 JULY, 1777.\*

Parole, *Victim*.

C. Sign, *Wasp*.

Col. Vose, who was President of the General Court Martial, having march'd to join his Regiment, Col. Mich'l Jackson is appointed President, and the Court which was to have set this Day, is to sit on Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. m., of which the members will take due notice.

Col. M. Jackson is to send a Subaltern to command the Guard at the Inoculating Hospital on Prospect Hill.

The Assistant Quartermaster General is to fence a

\* There is some uncertainty in the orders of the three days July 3d, 4th and 5th. In one Orderly Book, no orders are given on the 4th, but those on the 5th begin with the second paragraph: "Col. M. Jackson is to send," etc. In another Book, the parole for the 3d is *Penelope*, and the c. sign, *Quintius*; while the parole for the 4th is *Rippon*, and the c. sign, *Stafford*; and the order printed above under the 3d is given under the 4th—clearly an error. But this does not aid us in straightening the paroles.

proper yard at Cambridge for the security of the shot and shells, for the Fire Wood, etc.

The Captains of the respective Regiments who are left at the Rendezvous of their Regiments to direct the Recruiting officers, receive, arm, equip and order the march of the Recruits, are by no means to be absent from their Rendezvous without express Leave from the General. Many Soldiers are strolling about the Streets, and often complaining that they know not where to find the proper officer to direct them to their Duty, and some have again returned Home to the great Injury of the Service.

*After Orders.*

The General remits the Punishment of Thomas Rice, and orders that he be immediately releas'd from the Main Guard, and that he join Col. Marshall's Regiment and the stoppage of his pay be carefully made and paid agreeable to the order of the General Court Martial.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 6 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Amos*.

C. Sign, *Barnabas*.

The Assistant Quarter Master General will be very careful to see that the Waggon Masters and Conductors are very alert, and that the stores are not left on the Roads or transported to other Places than those to which they are ordered. Complaints of abuses of this kind have been frequently made of late.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 7 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Glassenbury*. C. Sign, *Haverstraw*.

In Consequence of Intelligence just received from the Westward and Northward, the General again calls upon the officers to hasten the March of all such Troops as are ready, without one Moment's Delay.\* Col. M. Jackson's Regt. must march immediately. If the Men are not supplied with ammunition, it must be drawn without Loss of Time. The utmost attention is to be paid to the drilling the Recruits and instructing them in every part of their Duty as much as possible while they are in Quarters.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 8 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Fersey*. Countersign, *Knowlton*.

The officers are desired to take particular care wherever any troops are quartered, or guards posted, that no injury be done to the inhabitants, by destroying fences, or needlessly crossing fields of grass or grain. Some complaints of this nature have been lately made; the General hopes to hear no more. The General is much pleased with the late alertness of the officers in marching their men, and desires that those of them who are to remain at the respective ren-

\* Heath had not yet heard of the evacuation of Ticonderoga by St. Clair, which had been accomplished on the 6th. The intelligence reached Boston on the 11th.

deztvous of their regiments would be very vigilant in collecting the recruits, arming, clothing, and equipping them, and as the present emergency of affairs calls for the marching of every Continental soldier, those of several regiments must be joined in detachments, and march on without waiting to collect a detachment of their own regiment.

Colonel H. Jackson will frequently report to the General the state of the works, &c., at Dorchester Heights, that orders may be given for the necessary repairs.

The General Court Martial which was to have sit this Day, is to sit to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, of which the members will take notice.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 9 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Lenox*. Countersign, *Marblehead*.

The general is surprized to hear that the march of any of the Troops should be delay'd on the account of Trains: he desires that the Waggon Masters and Conductors would exert themselves and that the Deputy Q<sup>r</sup>. Master General would take every step in his Power to furnish such Trains as may from time to time be necessary for the transporting the Stores and Baggage of the Army without the Loss of time.

The Execution of Peter Pickman Frye is further suspended to Thursday the twenty fourth Instant.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 11 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Preston*.

C. Sign, *Romney*.

Great Attention should be paid to the State of the Arms. They should always be kept as neat and clean as possible. They should ever be the Pride of a Soldier, but the officers must see to it, or it will be too much neglected. Whenever any of the Arms are out of order, they should be sent to the Armourers and be repaired immediately. Publick Armourers are appointed for that purpose.

The Dep'ty Barrack Master at Cambridge will immediately apply to the Regiments there for four Men who have had the Small Pox, which he is to send to Prospect Hill, where they are to be employ'd in cleansing the Barracks which have been infected with the Small Pox. Col. Greateon's, Putnam's, Alden's, and Nixon's Regiments having been ordered from Peek's Kill to Albany, the officers and men belonging to them when they march, are to take that Rout in order to join them at the last mentioned Place.\*

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\* "General Schuyler is at Fort Edward, with about twelve hundred regular troops and some militia. I have ordered the men belonging to Putnam's, Greateon's, Alden's, and Nixon's regiments, who, you say, are on their march, to join him as quick as possible, as the remainder of their regiments are there. This reinforcement is all that could possibly be spared, under our present circumstances. As there never was so pressing an occasion for troops, I entreat you will hurry on those remaining in your State with all possible despatch. Let those intended for the northern army steer towards Albany, near which place they will find General Schuyler endeavoring to form an army. Those whose regiments are at Peekskill are still to go to that place." *Washington to Major-General Heath*, 13 July, 1777.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 12 JULY, 1777

Parole, *Salisbury*.

C. Sign, *Trenton*.

The Dep'ty Commissary General is to issue the Men's Rations from this Day until further Orders as follows, vizt,

1 lb. Flour or Bread	} ₤ man ₤ Day.
1 ½ lb. Beef, or 18 oz. Pork	
1 Quart of Beer	
5 pints of Pease	} ₤ Man ₤ week.
1 pint of Meal	
6 oz. Butter	
6 lb. Candles ₤ 100 men ₤ week for Guards.	
8 lb. Soap ₤ 100 men ₤ week.	
1 Gill of Rum ₤ Man each Day on Fatigue.	

Vinegar occasionally. For such Articles as cannot be procured the Commissary is to pay Money in Lieu thereof, agreeable to the established Rules in the Army.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 14 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Uxbridge*.

Countersign, *Welcome*.

As it is essentially necessary that every Regiment should dailey have the General Orders, strict attention is to be paid thereto. An Adjutant or Serjeant Major from each [regiment] is statedly to attend for that purpose at Orderly time. The Regiments at Cambridge may do it in Rotation. Adj<sup>t</sup>. Edwards of Col. Lee's Regiment



Regiment will keep a Roll of this Duty and see that it is perform'd. The Orders are to be carried to his Quarters, where the Adjutants or Sergeant Majors are to apply and take them. They are also dailey to receive the Details of Guards for their respective Regiments at the same place, and are to furnish their men accordingly. John Gooch and John Hopkins, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, are appointed Assistant Dep'ty Qr. Master Generals. They are to be respected and obeyed as such.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 15 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Xenophon*.

C. Sign, ———.

Col. H. Jackson will order so many Men from his Regiment to assist the well-diggers as may be necessary; and as the strength of his Regiment will admit of it, he will order a Number of Men properly to form and dress the steps of the Banquet, where it is necessary, and such other small Repairs as they may be able to execute.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 16 JULY, 1777.

It is with astonishment that the General hears of numbers of soldiers deserting the Northern Army on their late Retreat from Ticonderoga, and that they are now strolling through the Country to their respective Homes. A conduct so dastardly in itself and fraught with the greatest mischief to the Public Cause, by disheartening

heartening the brave who are left in the Field to face the Enemy deserted by their Comrades, calls for immediate and exemplary Punishment. The General therefore in the most earnest manner calls upon the officers of every Rank to exert their utmost endeavors to apprehend all such Soldiers as have left the Northern Army without a written Pass or Furlough, signed by some General officer in that army, and that they be careful to avoid Impositions; and that they be confined at the Main Guard in order for Tryal for such an atrocious Crime.

If Col. H. Jackson has in his Regiment six or eight men who are acquainted with the making of Cartridges, they are immediately to be employed in making a number of a proper size for the French Arms.

A Special General Court Martial to set to-morrow Morning at nine o'clock, for a Trial of a number of Soldiers who have deserted from the Northern Army.

Col. M. Jackson, President.

Col. Lee,	Capt. King,	Capt. Drew,
Lt. Col. Colman,	Capt. Eddy,	Capt. Dolliver,
Major Swasey,	Capt. Allen,	Capt. Carr,
Capt. Orne,	Capt. Holden	Lt. Frye,
	Members.	

Capt. Cartwright, Judge Advocate, Adj't Carew to attend the Court. The Adjutants immediately to notify such members as belong to their respective Regiments, and if it should happen that any of the before mentioned

mentioned members cannot be found, others are to be put on in their stead—Care to be taken that they be commissioned.

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CAMBRIDGE, 16 JULY, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.\**

The Commanding officer orders that every non-commissioned officer and soldier shall statedly attend at Roll calling at five o'clock in the morning and five in the afternoon, and at such other Times as shall be ordered, and the Sergeant Major make a return of all who shall absent themselves therefrom, who shall be immediately sent under Guard and held 'till they be tried by a Regimental Court Martial.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 17 JULY, 1777.

If any Deserters should be sent to the Guard or Goal in Cambridge, they are as soon as possible to be sent to the main Guard in this Place. The Adjutant or Serg<sup>t</sup> Major of the Day at Cambridge is daily when he comes for the Orders to bring with him a Return of the number of militia men that are in Quarters at that Place, who are rendezvousing there in order to form a Guard for the Stores. This Return is to be obtained

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\* Unless otherwise stated, the Regimental orders apply to Col. W. R. Lee's Regiment.

from the Dep'ty Barrack Master, and is not to be omitted. As soon as a sufficient number to form a Guard are at the Rendezvous they are to be sent to their Post.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 18 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Levant*.

C. Sign, *Moylan*.

James Welsh, Joshua Lane, George Richey, Stephen Kenroy,\* Thos. Gookin, John Conway, and Edward Hagen, soldiers in Col. Marshall's Regiment, tried at the General Court Martial whereof Col. Alden is President, accused with deserting from their Regiment on the late Retreat from Ticonderoga. No Evidence appearing against the Prisoners, the Court, after Examination recommended that they be sent to their Regiment in Irons. The General approves the opinion of the Court, and orders that the Prisoners be sent to their Regiment immediately under a strong Guard.†

The General in the most express and positive Terms

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\* Or Kenney.

† "I hope the number of desertions from the Northern army at and since the retreat from Ticonderoga, will not be so great as was at first feared that they would be. About ten or a dozen only have as yet been apprehended and sent back under Guard, eight of them in irons, which was the sentence of a General Court Martial. The utmost endeavors are used to apprehend any others who may have been guilty of the same scandalous conduct; but I hope the immediate and spirited measures that have been taken in this respect will prevent any thing of the kind in future." *Heath to Washington*, 23 July, 1777.

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directs a punctual Compliance with the Orders of the fourteenth Instant respecting the daily Attendance of the Adjutants or Serg<sup>t</sup>. Major for the Orders. He is sorry that there is any occasion for again mentioning this matter. He hopes that no further occasion will make such Steps his incumbent Duty as will be disagreeable both to himself and others.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 19 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Normandy*. C. Sign, *Overing*.

The men belonging to Col. Alden's Regiment having this morning been ordered from the Guard at the Inoculating Hospital on Prospect Hill, the Remainder of that Guard belonging to Col. Bigelow's Regiment, with four Invalids that will be sent from Col. Alden's Regiment, together with the Convalescents will supply the necessary Centinels until further Orders.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 20 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Pumpton*. C. Sign, *Ridley*.

Col. H. Jackson will order a Serjeant, Corporal and twelve men from his Regiment to relieve the Main Guard to Morrow Morning at nine o'clock. The officer of the New Guard will be very careful to receive the orders for the Guard and Centinels from the officer of the old Guard, Colonel Jackson will re-  
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lieve this Guard on Tuesday Morning with the same Number of Men. Lieut. Holmes of Capt. Burton's Company will march the men belonging to that Company to Boston this Evening or to Morrow Morning where they are to take Quarters until further Orders. Sergt. Adams, of Col. Marshall's Regiment, is Immediately to repair to Cambridge and take the Command of nine of the militia men who have been draughted to guard the Stores, if that number is already at the Rendezvous. If there are not so many as Nine, he will march so many as there are and relieve the Guard belonging to Col. Lee's Regiment, who are guarding the Provision Store at Little Cambridge. Sergt. Adams is to remain with his Detachment as a Guard for the before mentioned Stores untill further Orders.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, JULY 21, 1777.

Parole, *Saratoga*.

C. Sign, *Taunton*.

As the time for which the Detachment under the Command of Major Symmes was engaged to do duty expired this Morning, the General thanks the Officers and Soldiers for their regular and soldier like Behaviour during the time of their doing duty. Lieut. Holmes will mount the Guard at the Magazine from the Men belonging to Capt. Burton's Company until further Orders.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 22 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Venice*.

C. Sign, *Washington*.

A Court of Enquiry to set on Thursday Morning next at nine o'clock at Capt. Marston's Tavern, to enquire into the conduct of Capt. Robert Allen, of Col. Alden's Regiment, charged with selling cloathing belonging to the Continental Army. Col. H. Jackson, President, Lt. Col. Tudor, Lt. Col. Smith, Majr. Bradish, Major Tyler, Members. Those concerned to attend the Court.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 23 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Alderton*.

Countersign, *Barnstable*.

The Execution of Peter Pickman Frye which was to have been to-morrow is further suspended untill Thursday the seventh of August next.

Col. H. Jackson will immediately order a sentry to be posted at the Provision Store at Dorchester, and regularly relieved until further Orders. As the Provisions are sent over this Day, particular attention must be paid thereto.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 24 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Edinburgh*.

C. Sign, *Fingal*.

The Commanding Officer of every detachment that may hereafter march to join their respective Regiments, in the Southern or Northern Army, are to apply for  
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and draw twenty four Rounds of Cartridges  $\frac{7}{8}$  man for the Detachment. The Ammunition is not to be delivered to the men, but carefully put up and carried with the Baggage which will prevent a waste or loss of it, and if occasion should make it necessary it is to be immediately delivered to the men.\* Every man enlisted into the Continental Army belonging to either of the Battalions designed to the Southern or Northern Army, are immediately to be arm'd, equipt and sent out to join their respective Regiments. The Urgency of the Service makes a Repetition of this Order necessary.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 25 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Golphin*.

C. Sign, *Hancock*.

The Court whereof Col. H. Jackson was President appointed to inquire into the Conduct of Capt. Robert Allen, of Col. Alden's Regiment, charged with selling Clothing belonging to the Continental Army, having reported that after a thorough Investigation the Court are of Opinion that the charge against Capt. Allen is supported, the General desires that Col. Alden immediately order Capt. Allen under Arrest.

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\* "Let every party that you send off be fully supplied with ammunition, which should be delivered to the officers, and carried with their baggage. If it is put into the cartouch-boxes, it will probably be damaged by weather before they arrive at the place of destination."  
*Washington to Major-General Heath, 13 July, 1777.*

A General



A General Court Martial to set to-morrow morning at nine o'clock for the Trial of Capt. Allen charged with selling cloathing belonging to the Continental Army.

Col. M. Jackson, President.

Col. Lee,	Capt. Carr,	Capt. Pilsbury,††
Major Swasey,*	Capt. Dolliver,§	Capt. Ellis,
Capt. King,†	Capt. Wadsworth,¶	Capt. Langdon,‡‡
Capt. Drew,‡	Capt. Orne,**	Lieut. Perkins.

Members.

The Adjutant of the Respective Regiments to notify the members immediately. All Evidences and Persons concerned to attend the Court, and two Orderly Sergeants from Col. Henry Jackson's Regiment.

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* Joseph Swasey.	† Samuel King.	‡ Seth Drew.
Samuel Carr.	§ Peter Dolliver.	¶ Joseph Wadsworth.

\*\* Joshua Orne, who resigned his commission October 1, 1778, from "the suspicion I have of there not being occasion for the continuance of so large a proportion of officers as have been employ'd, and from an increase of the necessity from my more than hitherto experienc'd peculiar situation." He was then a captain in the regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Wm. S. Smith,

†† Daniel (?) Pilsbury, afterward paymaster in the 13th Regiment.

‡‡ John Langdon, a captain in Col. Henry Jackson's regiment. He resigned his commission September, 1778, because of the insufficiency of pay.

|||| James Perkins, a lieutenant in Col. Timothy Bigelow's regiment.

CAMBRIDGE, 25 JULY, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

A Regimental Court Martial to sit this morning at ten o'clock for the Trial of such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. Capt. Orne, President, Lieut. Woolsey, Lt. Brown,\* Ensign Lovell† and Ensign Hill,‡ Members.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 26 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Jenkins.*

C. Sign, *Kent.*

The Deputy Commissary General will take particular Care that the Guards posted at the several public Stores for the Protection thereof, be supplied with Provisions, and the Dep'ty Quartermaster General that they are furnished with Quarters, Fuel and Camp Utensils. There is to be an Addition of two Guards to the List which has been given out already, vizt. one at Springfield and the other at Brookfield. The Dep'ty Quarter Master General will cause an exact account to be kept and a particular valuation made of all materials whether old or new that may be ready whenever it may be called for.

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CAMBRIDGE, 26 JULY, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

Henry Greenleaf, a Soldier tried at the Regimental

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\* John Brown.

† James Lovell.

‡ Philemon Hill.

Court Martial whereof Capt. Orne is President, for Disobedience of Regimental Orders, the Prisoner pleading Ignorance of the Orders, the Court are of opinion that he be released from his Confinement, return to his Duty and that the Order be forthwith read to him to prevent any farther excuse.

William Wilton, a Soldier tried at the same Court Martial for Disobedience of Regimental Orders and Neglect of Duty, the Prisoner pleading Guilty, the Court are of opinion that he be severely reprimanded at the Head of the Regiment and humbly ask Pardon of the Commanding Officer and forthwith return to his Duty.

The Commanding Officer approves the before going Judgments of the Court Martial and orders that they be put in Execution at Roll calling this Day.

The Regimental Court Martial whereof Capt. Orne is President is dissolved.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 27 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Kingston*.\* C. Sign, *Lancaster*.

The General Court Martial which was to have sit yesterday for the Trial of Capt. Allen is to sit on Tuesday next at nine o'clock A. M., of which the Members named in the Order of the 25th Inst., are desired to take due Notice and give punctual attendance.

\* In another book this is given *Kensington*.

An Escort for a Quantity of Powder and Arms is to be ready to march on Tuesday Morning. It is to be furnished from Col. Alden's and Wigglesworth's\* Regiments. The Officers of these Regiments will please to have the Men in Readiness.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 28 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Martin*.

C. Sign, *Norton*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 29 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Olive*.

C. Sign, *Palmer*.

The Regiments at Cambridge are to march, a Guard consisting of one Corporal and three Men at the Barracks lately improved as Innoculating Hospitals on Prospect Hill untill the Utensils are removed and the Barracks properly secured.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 30 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Query*.

C. Sign, *Rawson*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 31 JULY, 1777.

Parole, *Salmon*.

C. Sign, *Trumbull*.

Capt. Robert Allen, of Col. Alden's Regiment, tried at the General Court Martial, whereof Col. M. Jack-

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\* Edward Wigglesworth.

son is President, for having sold Cloathing belonging to the Continental Army. Capt. Allen being heard acknowledges he had drawn cloathing from the Continental Stores for three Soldiers who were well cloathed for the service, to whom he paid six pounds each which they preferred to receiving the Cloathing, whereupon ignorantly and innocently supposing the Cloathing then became his own Property, he exposed them to sale at Public Auction.

The Court are of opinion that Capt. Allen is guilty of having ignorantly sold Continental Cloathing without an order for the purpose in Violation and Breach of part of Article 1st in Section 12th of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Continental Army, and after mature Consideration and Enquiry into the former Conduct and Behaviour of Capt. Allen, finding his character has heretofore been irreproachable, the Court unanimously recommend him to the Lenity of the General.

The General approves the opinion of the Court and orders that Capt. Allen immediately make full satisfaction to the Continental Agents of cloathing for the Cloaths which he sold, and admonishes Capt. Allen to a circumspect Behaviour and strict attention to the Regulations of the Army in future, and being satisfied with his general good character as an officer, and that his Error in this Instance was Ignorance in that particular in which he transgress'd, remits any further Punishment pointed out by the Regulations for such offences and orders Capt. Allen released from arrest.

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The Court report Capt. Drew, Capt. Wadsworth, Capt. Ellis, Capt. Langdon, and Lieut. Perkins, ordered as members on the General Court Martial, for not attending and thereby detaining the Court. As nothing more characterizes a good officer than a strict and punctual attention to orders, without which it is impossible that Duty be seasonably or properly perform'd, the General cannot omit, and he does explicitly call upon the before mentioned officers immediately to render the Reasons of such their neglect, and hopes from the opinion he has of them that they will be able to do it in such a manner as to satisfy both him and the Court, and the General recommends to all a strict attention to Duty as they regard their own Honor and the Public Weal.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 1 AUGUST, 1777.

The abstracts for the Pay of the Troops posted in this State are to be presented monthly for Payment, those for the Month of July, or for whatever Pay may be due before that time are to be given in as soon as possible that the Troops may have the advantage and encouragement of the seasonable and regular Payment of their Wages.

The necessary Preparations are to be immediately made for the muster of the Troops for the month of August. Each Battalion must be mustered by companies. Capt. Langdon has given satisfactory Reasons  
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for not being able to attend General Court Martial for the Trial of Capt. Allen.

The Arms and Accoutrements of the men are to be immediately inspected, and at least twenty four Rounds of Cartridges ready to be delivered to them. The men are to keep near their Quarters, that they may be ready to march if called for. The Magazine Guard at Charlestown is to be doubled at Night. In Case of alarm Col. Lee's Regiment is to have their alarm post at the Magazine and Ordnance Store divided equally to each, Capt. Burton's Company in the Fort on Fort Hill. Col. Jackson will double the Guards at Dorchester Heights at Night, reducing them in the morning.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 2 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Albany*.

C. Sign, *Bailey*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 3 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Cambridge*.

C. Sign, *Dorchester*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 4 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Exeter*.

C. Sign, *France*.

The Barrack Master instead of drawing Provisions twice a week for the Provisions at the Main Guard is untill further Orders to draw daily.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 5 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Gridley*.

C. Sign, *Hancock*.

Col. H. Jackson is to send a Sergeant, Corporal and twelve men to morrow morning at nine o'clock to mount the Guard at the Fort on Fort Hill (Boston). They are to be daily relieved by the like number from the same Regiment. Untill further Orders the doubling the Guards at Dorchester and at the Magazine at Charlestown nightly as directed by the Order of the first Instant may be omitted. All Guards and Centinels to be vigilant and valiant.

The General Court Martial which was to have set this Day is to sit on Thursday next at nine of the clock, at Capt. Marston's Tavern. All Persons concerned to pay due attention.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 7 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Lenox*.

C. Sign, *Mandrake*.

The General thanks the officers and soldiers of the several Companies in the Boston Regiment who have lately in Rotation voluntarily turn'd out to mount necessary Guards. The Appearance and Behaviour of all the Companies has done them Honour. Captain Davis and the Light Company have justly merited particular applause.

The Execution of Peter Pickman Frye which was to have been this Day, is suspended untill Thursday the twenty first Instant.

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Lieut. Holmes is to mount the Magazine Guard untill further Orders.

Col. H. Jackson is to sit on the General Court Martial to morrow in the room of Col. Lee, who is excused on special Business, and Maj<sup>r</sup>. Curtis in the room of Major Swasey. The members are desired to give punctual and seasonable attendance.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 8 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Moses*.

Countersign, *Nimrod*.

A Fatigue Party consisting of one Subaltern, one Sergeant and eighteen Men, for the Purpose of cutting Fire Wood are to be immediately detach'd from Col. Lee's and Col. H. Jackson's Regiments, six from the former and twelve from the latter. They are to be Men acquainted with the Business, they will be allowed eight pence  $\text{℥}$  cord for cutting, over and above their ordinary Pay. Col. Lee and Jackson will agree upon a proper Subaltern and Sergeant as will best promote the service and accommodate their respective Regiments. This Detachment will remain on this Duty untill further Orders. The Adjutants will Report as soon as the Detachment is completed. Fifteen Days' Provision is to be drawn for the Party. The Dep'ty Qr. Master General will furnish them with four Tents which are to be used with great Care.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 9 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Oxford*.

C. Sign, *Parsons*.

John Steward, a soldier in Col. H. Jackson's Regiment, tried at the General Court Martial, whereof Col. Alden is President, for Desertion, and Sam<sup>l</sup> Orr, of the same Regiment, tried at the same General Court Martial for disobeying orders, refusing to do his duty and threatening to stab a Serjeant of the Regiment.

The Court finding John Steward guilty of Desertion sentence him to receive one hundred lashes well laid on his naked Back, to be returned to his Regiment and half his pay to be detained monthly until the necessary expences for apprehending and securing him are paid.

The Court sentence Sam<sup>l</sup> Orr, guilty of disobeying orders, to receive thirty-nine lashes on his naked Back.

The General approves the two foregoing sentences and orders them to be put in Execution at the Head of the Regiment and that the Prisoners join the Regiment and do their duty and that a stoppage of half Steward's pay be made untill the necessary expences for apprehending of him &c. be paid.

Capt. King, Lt. Hawkes \* and Lt. Lincoln,† reported by the Court for not attending their Duty, were since the adjournment ordered on other service and consequently excusable, but ought to have certified the Court thereof. It remains for Capt. Randall and Lt. Sturtevant‡ to give the Reasons of their neglect. Col. M.

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\* William Hawkes.

† John Lincoln.

‡ Isaac Sturtevant.

Jackson is excused from attending the Court until further orders on account of his Health.

All the Recruits in Quarters belonging to those Regiments that have already march'd are to be Equipt and got ready to march by Tuesday morning next. They are to form one Detachment, and are to guard the Deserters to Albany. Care is to be taken by the officers of the Regiments to which the Prisoners respectively belong that they be prepared to march also.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 10 AUGUST, 1777.  
Parole, *Randall*. C. Sign, *Stevens*.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 11 AUGUST, 1777.  
Parole, *Uxbridge*. C. Sign, *Walpole*.

CAMBRIDGE, 11 AUGUST, 1777.  
*Regimental Orders.*

A Regimental Court Martial to sit to Morrow Morning at nine o'clock for the trial of Henry Greenleaf and Sam<sup>l</sup> Horton now under guard.

CAPT. HASTINGS, *President*.

Lieut. Hawkes,	}	Members	{	Lt. Brown,
Lt. Woolsey,				Ensign Lovell.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 12 AUGUST, 1777.  
Parole, *Xerxes*. C. Sign, *Yorick*.

CAMBRIDGE, 12 AUGUST, 1777.

Henry Greenleaf a soldier in Capt. Drown's Company and Saml. Horton, a soldier in Capt. Orne's Company, tried at the Regimental Court Martial whereof Capt. Hastings is President, for imposing an order on the Commissary for Rum which they had no Right to—the Court are of Opinion that the Prisoners are Accomplices in the Crime and adjudges that they receive thirty Lashes each well laid on on the naked Back except they discover the Person who forged the Order. The Commanding Officer approves the Sentence and orders it to take place this afternoon at six o'clock at No. 2.

*After Orders.*

The Prisoners being brought at the Head of the Regiment, upon Sentence being read, Henry Greenleaf appealed to the Judgment of a General Court Martial—and Horton professing sorrow for his offence and having before been guilty of no other offence, the Commanding officer remits his punishment and orders him to join his Regiment and duly attend his Duty. He grants Greenleaf liberty of appeal and remands him under Guard.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 13 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Alden.*

C. Sign, *Biddle.*

As the General Court Martial stands adjourned to to Morrow Morning nine o'clock, the Members are desired

sired to give a seasonable and punctual attendance. Capt. Randall has given satisfactory Reasons for his not sitting on the General Court Martial on Friday last.

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CAMBRIDGE, 13 AUGUST, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

Henry Greenleaf who was tried at a Regimental Court Martial and sentenced to receive thirty Lashes and appeal'd to a General Court Martial as mentioned in the Orders of yesterday, having since desired liberty to withdraw his appeal, the Commanding officer grants him the Liberty and upon the Prisoner's promising better Behaviour for the future and asking Pardon of the Commissary, the officers of the Regiment in general and Capt. Orne in particular, he remits the Punishment and orders Greenleaf to join the Regiment and duly attend his Duty—The Commanding officer wishing always to avoid inflicting Corporal Punishment hopes this will be a warning to all not to transgress for the future.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 14 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Cambray*.

C. Sign, *Dexter*.

Lieut. Holmes is to mount a Guard of a Corporal and three men from Capt. Burton's Company as a Guard for the Fire wood at Hall's wharf untill further orders.

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The Soldiers are to quarter in the Barracks, they are not to be allowed to scatter in private Houses, no fuel is to be delivered to any Soldiers who are not quartered in the Barracks. There has of late been a Remissness in taking the orders for the Troops at Cambridge. Punctuality is insisted on. Delinquents are to be reported.

Complaint has been made of some abuse being offered to some inhabitants. All abuse must be carefully prevented, Order and Regularity must be the Characteristick of those engaged in the noble American Cause, the wonder of the age.

The General Court Martial which was to have set this Day is adjourn'd to Tuesday next at 9 o'clock a. m., of which all concerned will take due notice. Lieut. Sturtevant has given satisfactory Reasons for his not sitting on the Court on Friday last.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 15 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Effingham*. Countersign, *Gates*.

The General directs that the Dep'ty Commissary General in issuing the Flour to the Troops, deliver to them one-half old and the other new untill further orders, as he is determined that the Troops shall be well supplied and that strict attention shall be paid to their Health.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 16 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Hadley*.

C. Sign, *Jones*.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 17 AUGUST, 1777.

Capt. Cartwright,\* Capt. Jarvis† and Capt. Jones,‡ of Col. H. Jackson's Regiment, are appointed a Committee of Survey whose Duty it is upon any complaint being made to them of Provisions being offered to be issued to the Troops by the Dep'ty Commissary General, that are bad or unfit for use, to repair to the Store and survey such Provisions so offered or design'd to be delivered, and if upon survey thereof, exercising their best discretion for the Interest of the United States and Justice to the Troops it shall appear that any of the Provisions are bad and unfit for use, to condemn them as such, marking the Cask so condemn'd, reporting the number, the species, and the marks.

The Committee at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning are to repair to the Commissary's Store in Boston and survey such flour as may be shown to them, after which they are to repair to Watertown and survey a quantity at that Place, and as soon as the Service is perform'd, make Report.

\* Thomas Cartwright.

† Nathaniel Jarvis.

‡ James Jones.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 18 AUGUST, 1777.  
 Parole, *Moliere*. C. Sign, *Nichols*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 19 AUGUST, 1777.  
 Parole, *Washington*. C. Sign, *Lee*.

As the officers have now a peculiar opportunity for forming their Regiments, disciplining and instructing the men in the whole minutia of their Duty, the General desires a strict attention thereto. Such a Conduct will not fail to ensure Honor to the officers, and at the same time render their Country the most essential service. The Diet and Cleanliness of the men, as they greatly conduce to Health, are objects that claim the attention of the officers. It is while the Troops remain in Quarters that the Principles of Order and Discipline are to be inculcated and made habitual. In the Field the hurry, fatigue and oftentimes the detached and scattered state of a Regiment afford few or no opportunities for disciplining the men.

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CAMBRIDGE, 19 AUGUST, 1777.  
*Regimental Orders.*

The Commanding Officer is sorry to have occasion to call upon the officers who are in Camp in Orders to give their attendance with the Regiment at Roll calling and other times, when he thought verbally desiring them so to do would have been sufficient.



HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 20 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Oliver Cromwell*. C. Sign, *Powell*.

The General Court Martial whereof Lt. Col. Tudor was President, which stands adjourned to Tuesday next, is dissolved.

A special General Court Martial to sit on Friday morning next at nine o'clock for the trial of such Prisoners as may be brought before them.

Col. M. Jackson, President

Col. Lee,	Capt. Drew,	Capt. Marshall,
Col. H. Jackson,	Capt. Carr,	Capt. Holden,
Major Swasey,	Capt. Allen,	Capt. Wadsworth,
Major Trescott,*	Capt. Dolliver,	Ensign White.

The Adjutants are to take particular care that such members as belong to their respective Regiments are seasonably notified.

The General congratulates the Army on the signal success lately obtained over the Enemy near Bennington by the militia under the command of Brigadier Stark. Four Brass Field Pieces and four or five hundred Prisoners have been taken from the Enemy.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 21 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Simmonds*. C. Sign, *Stark*.

Adj<sup>t</sup>: Dunckerly† to Attend the General Court Martial to morrow. Complaint has been made of Gardens

\* Lemuel Trescott,

† Joseph Dunckerly.

being pillaged by the soldiery in Cambridge. As marauding and pillaging are a disgrace to an army and commonly bring on the soldiery the imprecations of the injured Inhabitants, the General desires the utmost Exertions of the officers of all Ranks to put a stop to those Practices, which are both injurious and disgraceful. The Quarter-Masters of the several Regiments before they present their provision returns to the Commissary in order to their drawing Provisions are to have the Return certified by the Barrack Master. As some of the members appointed to sit on the General Court Martial to morrow by yesterday's orders are absent, Capt. Pilsbury and Capt. Varnum\* are appointed members. They are to attend accordingly.

The execution of Peter Pickman Frye, which was to have been this day, is suspended until Thursday, the fifth day of September next.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 22 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Victory*.

C. Sign, *Bennington*.

The General again congratulates the Army on the signal success obtained by the Troops under the Command of General Starke on the 16th Ins<sup>t</sup> near Bennington, in which about two hundred of the Enemy were kill'd and seven hundred taken Prisoners with very little Loss on our Side. Our Troops behaved with the greatest Spirit and Bravery.

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\* James Varnum.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 23 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Concord*.

C. Sign, *Danvers*.

All Recruits now in Quarters at the Rendezvous of either of the fifteen Battalions which have march'd from the State of Massachusetts Bay, are to be properly arm'd, equipt and ready to march on Tuesday Morning next. They are to be formed into one Detachment. The Commanding Officer is to apply to Head-Quarters for Orders. If any Recruits are absent they are to be ordered in immediately.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 25 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Gates*.

C. Sign, *Hakerman*.

Elijah Woodward, alias Josiah Williams, a Soldier belonging to Col. Knapp's Company in Col. Shepherd's Regiment, tried at the General Court Martial whereof Col. Mich<sup>l</sup>. Jackson is President, for Desertion and inlisting into Col. H. Jackson's Regiment.

The Court after duly attending and maturely deliberating on the Evidence, do find the Prisoner guilty of a Violation and Breach of the first and third Articles of the sixth Section of the Rules and Regulations for the Continental Forces. The Court having examined the Records of the Court Martial and finding the Prisoner has repeatedly and by various Names inlisted in different Regiments and has been often an Offender in the like Instance as the present, and that he has been

lately punished by Decree of a Court in Boston ; the Court also discovering by a very cautious and strict Enquiry that the Prisoner's former Character and Conduct has been that of an incorrigible Villain, do sentence the said Elijah Woodward, alias Josiah Williams to suffer Death by being shot.

The General approves the Sentence and orders it to be put into Execution on Thursday, the eleventh Day of September next between the Hours of eight and eleven o'clock in the morning, on the Bottom of the Common in Boston by a Detachment from Col. Lee's, Henley's, and Henry Jackson's Regiments. Adj<sup>t</sup> Dunckerly to see the Sentence put in Execution. All the Troops off Duty at Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury and Cambridge to attend the Execution.

Col. Davis will immediately apply to the Dep'ty Commissary General of Provisions and draw fifteen day's Allowance of Provisions and Fatigue Rum for the Detachment cutting Fire Wood at Plymouth, which is to be forwarded to that Place as soon as may be.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 26 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Kingston*. Countersign, *Lancaster*.

The Dep'ty Quarter Master General will immediately order the erecting a proper Stockade round the Magazine of Provisions at Sudbury. If the Guard House already built there is not sufficient to barrack  
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fifty men, it is to be enlarged and made capable of containing that Number. As soon as this Service is performed at Sudbury, the same is to be done at the Magazine at Sherburne.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 27 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Malden*.

C. Sign, *Nantasket*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 28 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Oxford*.

C. Sign, *Parsons*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 29 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Roxbury*.

C. Sign, *Salisbury*.

James Ludd, a soldier belonging to Col. Shepherd's Regiment, tried some time since at the General Court Martial whereof Col. Alden was President for Desertion.

The Court finding the Prisoner guilty of the Crime alleged against him, sentence him to receive fifty Lashes well laid on his naked Back and to forfeit for the use of the Continent one half his share of all Prizes taken by the Privateer or Privateers in which he was engaged or concerned during his absence from his Regiment.

The General approves the sentence and orders that the whipping be inflicted to morrow Morning at 9  
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o'clock on the Common by the Drummers of Col. Lee's and H. Jackson's Regiments, Adj't Carew to see the sentence put in Execution. The General doubting the Propriety of stopping the Prize money, does not direct a stoppage thereof. In such Cases of absence the mulct should be on the Wages after the Sentence is performed. Ludd is to join Col. Shepherd's Regiment.

As it will be more regular as well as convenient for for the several Regiments to be mustered on some Particular Day in each month, the General directs that Col. H. Jackson's Regiment be mustered on the first Monday, Col. Lee's on the first Wednesday, and Co. Henley's on the first Friday at ten o'clock in the morning in every Month until further Orders.

CAMBRIDGE, 29 AUGUST, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

A Regiment Court Martial to sit to morrow at the house of Mr. Bradish at ten o'clock in the Morning for the Trial of such Prisoners as may be brought before them.

Capt. North, \* President.

Lt. Hawkes,	} Members	} Ensign Smith,
Lt. Brown,		

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 30 AUGUST, 1777.

Parole, *Taunton.*

C. Sign, *Venice.*

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\* William North.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 31 AUGUST, 1777.  
Parole, *Wadsworth*. C. Sign, *Yorick*.

CAMBRIDGE, 31 AUGUST, 1777.  
*Regimental Orders.*

Henry Greenleaf, a Soldier in Capt. Drown's Company, tried at the Regimental Court Martial whereof Capt. North is President for stealing money,—the Court having maturely considered of the Matter are unanimously of opinion that the Evidence is not of sufficient force to condemn him.

Moses Stanford, a soldier in Capt. Hasting's Company tried at the same Court Martial for breaking his furlough—the Court finding him guilty order him to be mulcted one month's wages, that he be immediately sworn, and join the Regiment.

The Commanding officer approves the Judgment of the Court, and orders the officer who inlisted Stanford to see that he is sworn and mustered without Delay, and that the Prisoners be released from their confinement.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1777.  
Parole, *Andover*. C. Sign, *Barclay*.

The members of the General Court Martial who have not been excused since the day of the Court's sitting, are to give their punctual attendance to-morrow, to which time it stands adjourned.

Major

Major Curtis and Capt. Varnum are appointed members in the Room of two members who are excused.

All recruits now in Quarters belonging to either of the Regiments doing Duty in the Northern Department, are to be prepared for marching by Thursday next. They are to be formed into one Detachment, the Commanding officer will apply to Head-Quarters for orders.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Chatham*.

C. Sign, *Dunstan*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Dunstable*.

C. Sign, *Exeter*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Staten Island*.

C. Sign, *Sullivan*.

Thomas Lake, a Soldier belonging to Col. Marshall's Regiment, tried at the General Court Martial whereof Col. Mich<sup>l</sup>. Jackson is President for Desertion and inlisting several times, after a full Discussion the Court find the Prisoner guilty of repeated Inlistments and Desertions in Breach of the first and third articles in the sixth section of the Rules and Regulations for the Continental Army. Positive evidence abundantly supports the charge, which is still further strengthened by the concurring Testimony of Persons of unquestionable



tionable Veracity, whose Information convinces the Court that the Prisoner in addition to the Evidence positive, heretofore has with impunity committed similar offences founded in Perjury and Robbery against his God and his Country; the Court therefore sentence the Prisoner Thomas Lake to be hanged by his neck until he is dead.

The General approves the sentence, and orders it to be put in Execution on Thursday the eighteenth of September instant, between the Hours of eleven in the Forenoon and one in the Afternoon at such Place as shall be hereafter directed, all the Troops off Duty to attend the Execution. Adjutant Edwards\* to see the sentence put into Execution.

The Execution of Peter Pickman Frye is suspended untill Thursday the eleventh Instant at eleven o'clock in the Forenoon.

A Guard consisting of a Corporal and three Men to be sent immediately to Medford as a Guard to the Continental Naval Store at that Place. They will receive Directions from Benj<sup>a</sup> Hall, Esq<sup>r</sup>. This Guard is to be relieved alternately by Col. Lee's and Henley's Regiments, and may be relieved daily, twice a week, or once a week, as the Adjutants may agree.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Joseph Campbell, alias David Mitchell, a Soldier in

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\* Thomas Edwards.

Col. Vose's Regiment, tried at the General Court Martial whereof Col. Mich<sup>l</sup> Jackson is President for Desertion, inlisting a second time and changing his name.

The Court find the Prisoner Campbell alias Mitchell guilty of the Charge in Breach of the first and third Articles of the sixth Section of Rules and Regulations for the Continental Army, also guilty of perfidiously changing his name, and robbing the Continent of a Gun and Accoutrements, for which they sentence him to receive one hundred lashes for each offence, to be well laid on his naked Back, amounting in the whole to three hundred lashes, and recommend that he be turned over to some Continental Ship without the Privilege of coming on Shore.

The General approves the sentence and orders it to be put in Execution on Tuesday Morning next at nine o'clock on the Common by the Drummers of Col. Lee's and H. Jackson's Regiment. Adj<sup>t</sup>. Carew to see the sentence put in execution and that the Prisoner be sent to Capt. McNeil's ship, there to do Duty until the Expiration of the Term for which he engaged to serve in the Continental Army. The General is just inform'd to his great Surprise that the Prisoner the last Evening made his Escape from the Main Guard. A strict Enquiry is to be made and if the Sentry or any of the Guard are found culpable he or they are immediately to be confined. It is very unaccountable that so many Prisoners have escaped within  
a few

a few months past. Every Endeavour is to be exerted to apprehend the before-mentioned Prisoner and a reward of ten Dollars and all necessary expenses will be paid to any Person who shall apprehend and send him to the Main Guard.

John Carill, a soldier in Col. Marshall's Regiment, tried at the same Court Martial for Absence from his Regiment without Permission, the Court find the Prisoner guilty of Desertion and sentence him to receive thirty nine Lashes on his naked Back. Several circumstances appearing much in favor of the Prisoner, the Court unanimously recommend him to the Lenity of the General.

The General approves the sentence, remits the Punishment and orders the Prisoner to take Capt. Marshall's direction and join Capt. Marshall's Regiment.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Hadley*.

C. Sign, *Jersey*.

Jedediah Green, of Col. Crane's Regiment, tried at the General Court Martial whereof Col. Mich<sup>l</sup>. Jackson is President for Desertion, the Prisoner plead Guilty and beg'd the Mercy of the Court.

The Court sentence Jedediah Green to receive fifty stripes well laid on his naked Back, to join his Regiment and half his pay each month to be stopped until the necessary Charges of Recovering him for the Regiment are paid. The Court are of opinion that as vile  
characters

characters tend to aggravate offences, so a well supported Reputation for good Behaviour should operate to an alleviation of Punishment. Therefore the Court unanimously in Consequence of Lieut. Dunnell's declaration and the Prisoner's appearance do recommend him to the Mercy of the General for the Remission of the stripes, and orders Green to join his Regiment and stoppage of his Pay to be made and paid as directed by the Court.

Benjamin Brazier, a soldier in Col. Alden's Regiment, tried at the same General Court Martial for Desertion and inlisting into Col. Lee's Regiment—the Court find the Prisoner guilty and sentence him to receive one hundred stripes for each offence, two hundred in the whole, well laid on his naked Back, and join Col. Alden's Regiment, half his Pay to be detained each month till his last Bounty and the charges of apprehending and securing him are fully paid.

The General approves the sentence and orders Adj<sup>t</sup>. Carew to see it put in Execution on Wednesday morning next at nine o'clock on the Common, by the Drummers of Col. Lee's and Henry Jackson's Regiment, and that the Prisoner join his Regiment; the stoppage of his Pay to be made and paid as directed by the Court. Particular care is to be taken that the guard sent to Medford constantly take their Provisions with them. The Barrack Master at Cambridge is to send them a load of wood, which the Corporal will use with Prudence for the Purpose of cooking their Provisions.

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One Serjeant and four Privates to be immediately drafted from Col. Henry Jackson's Regiment, one Corporal and three Privates from Col. Lee's, one Private from Capt. Burton's Company, to execute the sentence of Elijah Woodward, alias Williams, and Peter Pickman Frye on Thursday morning next under the direction of Adjutant Dunckerly. This Detachment is to parade on the Common near the Grainery on Wednesday morning next at ten o'clock, when the Adjutant will receive them and give them further Directions. Those quartered out of Town are to bring one Day's Provision with them.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Kingston*.

C. Sign, *Labrador*.

Henry Greenleaf, a soldier belonging to Col. Lee's Regiment having been charged with taking Flour from the Public Stores and selling of a quantity, upon examination has accused some other Persons of being privy thereto, in order that Justice may be done to the Persons and to the Public—a Court of Enquiry is to sit on Wednesday next at nine o'clock in the morning at such Place as the President shall appoint in Cambridge; they will carefully examine the said Greenleaf and M<sup>r</sup>. Austin, Assistant Dep'ty Commissary and George Douglass the Cooper, and make Report.

Major Curtis, President.

Major Swasey, }	Members }	Capt. Scott, and Capt. North.
Capt. Varnum, }		

One

One Orderly Serjeant from Col. Lee's Regiment to attend the Court. Particular Care is to be taken that no Prisoners of War are inlisted into the Continental Army. The Officers who inlist such will be answerable for all the Expence they may be at to the Continent. If any of the Members warned on the Court of Enquiry shall be absent, their President will appoint others in their Stead.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Milton*.

C. Sign, *Nantz*.

All Officers, non commissioned Officers and Soldiers belonging to either of the Regiments rais'd by the State of Massachusetts doing Duty in the Northern Army, are to join their respective Regiments immediately.

Capt. Lyman is to sit on the Court of Enquiry at Cambridge on Wednesday next in the Room of Major Swasey, who is excused.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Olney*.

C. Sign, *Pompton*.

Capt. Wright\* having been appointed to act as Judge Advocate and the frequent sitting of the General Court Martial of late requiring much of his Time and Atten-

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\* Cartwright.

tion, Col. Jackson will please to excuse him from attending with the Regiment at Dorchester (extraordinary Occasions excepted).

Field Officer for the Day for Thursday next, Col. Henley. Adjutant of the Day, Carew. All Troops off Duty are to attend the Execution on Thursday next. They are to parade on the Common near the Grainery, at eight o'clock in the Morning where they will receive their Orders from the Field Officer of the Day.

The sentence of Benjamin Brazier is to be put in Execution to Morrow Morning at six o'clock, instead of nine, as directed by the General Orders of the sixth Instant.

The General Court Martial, which was to have set this Morning, is adjourn'd to Tuesday next, of which the Members will take Notice.

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CAMBRIDGE, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

The Commanding Officer orders the Guards to be relieved to Morrow Evening by the Invalids and Camp Colourmen; That all the Troops that are in Camp prepare themselves to march to Boston by six o'Clock on Thursday Morning; that they took their Breakfast the Night before and appear on the Parade clean and their Hair powdered. The Corporal and three who are for the guard to march to Morrow Morning unless counter ordered.

ordered. Cloathing will be delivered to them this Afternoon to wear that Day.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Rawlins*. C. Sign, *Stockbridge*.

One Private from Col. Lee's Regiment, one from Col. Sherburne's and two from Col. H. Jackson's are to attend with the Detachment who are to perform the Execution to morrow they are to carry the Coffin before the Prisoner, from the Prison to the place of Execution. The alertness of the Troops so often discovered, renders it unnecessary for the General to caution them to be in Season on the Parade to morrow.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Henley*. C. Sign, *Jackson*.

Elijah Woodward having this Day received his Sentence, being shot to Death in the Presence of the Troops, the General hopes that the Army will learn from this Example that the aggravated Crime of Desertion, in which is involved Perjury and Fraud, will not escape a Punishment adequate to the Infamy and Villainy of the offence.

The Case of Peter Pickman Frye, a Soldier belonging to Col. Marshall's Regiment, some time since sentenced by the General Court Martial, whereof Col. John Greateon was President, to be shot to Death for  
Desertion,



Desertion, which sentence was approved of, having been laid before the hon'ble the Continental Congress, that august Body have been pleased to express their Pleasure that if upon Enquiry it should appear that the Culprit is of unsound Mind, or incapable from natural defect of understanding to judge what is right or wrong, that a free Pardon be granted to him, for this Reason only, and by no means on account of Friends or connections, who should never be considered when publick Justice demands vicious men to suffer. Enquiry having been made of those best acquainted with the character of the culprit, and in particular of the Selectmen of the Town of Salem in which he was born and brought up, the Selectmen certify that with respect to his mental abilities, he must be ranked with the lowest of Mankind, as he is not only incapable of maliciously committing a Crime, but really incapable of feeling any uneasiness at being sentenced to so severe a Punishment as that to which he is condemned, and through Life has, in their Opinion, constantly bore about with him evident marks of Insanity, and therefore is an unsuitable Object for Punishment—the Certificate being signed by all the Selectmen and also by the Chairman of the Committee of Safety. The General has in Consequence thereof, by virtue of the Authority given him for that purpose, granted him, the said Peter Pickman Frye, a free Pardon and Remission of the Punishment to which he was sentenced.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Utrecht*.

C. Sign, *Wales*.

A Corporal and four Privates are to be sent daily (Sundays excepted) over to Boston with the Guard from Col. H. Jackson's Regiment, without arms, to cord up the Continental Wood on Hatch's Wharf. The Corporal will see that the men are kept steadily at work. This working Party is to be continued by Relief until further Orders.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Rustic*.

C. Sign, *Yeoman*.

The Court of Inquiry, whereof Major Curtis was President, appointed to inquire into a charge of suspicion of Fraud, made by one Greenleaf, a soldier, against Mr. Austin, Assistant Commissary of Prisoners, and Mr. Douglass, a cooper, the Court after a strict inquiry, are unanimously of opinion that Mr. Austin and Mr. Douglass are intirely free from the above suspicion, and that Greenleaf is guilty of the charge lodged against him, and desire that he may be brought before a Court Martial.

The General approves the opinion of the Court and orders Greenleaf to be immediately sent to the Main Guard in order to his being brought to tryal.

CAMBRIDGE, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

It is with surprize the Colonel observes the constant attendance the non-commissioned officers and soldiers give to Taverns and other licensed Houses in this Town, as it is productive of every bad consequence imaginable, not only loss of time, but spending their money for what they have not any real occasion for, when at the same time their Families are suffering for want. Therefore, he positively orders that every soldier after Retreat is beat, retires to his Barrack, and not to be out without Leave of their Serjeant, and neither non-commission'd officer or soldier to be seen out of their Quarters after the Tattoo is beat upon any Pretence whatever, and that to be at eight o'clock. This to be a standing order.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Addison.*

C. Sign, *Bailey.*

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Troop beating for mounting the guard is to be at 9 in the morning, retreat at sunset, and tattoo at eight in the evening, until further orders.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Eaton.*

C. Sign, *Fairfield.*

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Grayson*.

C. Sign, *Hayley*.

The Execution of Thomas Lake, which was to have been to morrow, is suspended until Thursday the second day of October next. Col. Lee's Regiment is to march into Boston to morrow, where they are to take Quarters until further Orders. Col. Lee is to have one Serjeant, one Corporal and fourteen Privates to do Duty at Cambridge until further Orders. This Detachment is to join Col. Henley's Regiment, and attend Roll call with them. Col. Henley's Regiment with the before mentioned Detachment are to mount the Magazine Guard at Charleston and the Guard at Cambridge. Three men are to be added to the Main Guard to morrow from Col. Henry Jackson's Regiment. The Guard at Medford to be mounted as usual.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Newton*.

C. Sign, *Plato*.

The General Court Martial whereof Col. Michael Jackson was President is dissolved. The weather being very stormy, Col. Lee's Regiment will not march into Town until to morrow.

CAMBRIDGE, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

The Commanding Officer orders that Lieutenant Brown tarry in Cambridge to take Charge of the Detachment

tachment to be left to assist Col. Henley's Regiment in mounting the Guards. He is to see that they turn out with Col. Henley's men for Exercise at which time he'll give his attendance. No non-commissioned officer or soldier is to lodge out of his Barrack in Boston on any Pretence whatever, nor be absent from the Place of Parade at the Hours affixt for Exercise without leave from the Commanding Officer. If any should be so hardened as to break this order, he must expect to be punished by a Court Martial.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Arnold*.

C. Sign, *Gates*.

A Corporal and nine men are to be sent from Col. Lee's Regiment, a Corporal and six from Col. Sherburne's this afternoon to reinforce the Main Guard.

The Main Guard for the future is to consist of one Subaltern, one Serjeant, two Corporals, one Drum, one Fife, and thirty Privates—the Subaltern to be given alternately by Col. Lee's and Col. H. Jackson's Reg<sup>ts</sup>. A Captain is to be Officer of the Day, and is to be given by the Regiments alternately as the Officer of the Guard, beginning with the eldest. The Officer of the Day will visit the Guard in the Day time and give them such Directions as may be necessary for their Conduct, both by Day and Night. He will dine at Head-Quarters, make his Grand Round in the Night, and having received the Report of the Guard from the  
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officer who commanded it, he will report it to the General, adding thereto any Extraordinarys that have been noticed by him during his Tour.

The Adjutant of the Regiment which gives the Officer of the Day, is to be Adjutant of the Day. He will attend on the Grand Parade and see the Guard or Guards compleated, the officers posted and the Guards marched off in Presence of the Officer of the Day.

CAMBRIDGE, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

A Regimental Court Martial to sit this Day at ten o'clock at the House of Mr. Bradish to try Zebulon Basset, a soldier in Capt. North's Company accused of stealing.

Capt. Hastings, President.

Lt. Brown and Ensign Lovell, Members.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Leonard*.

C. Sign, *Mansfield*.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Niles*.

C. Sign, *Overton*.

The Sergeant ordered for the Main Guard is to be furnished alternately from Col. Lee's and Col. H. Jackson's Regiment.

The Alarm Post of Col. Lee's Regiment is in the Fort on Fort Hill; Col. Henley's, on Cambridge Common. Officer of the day to-morrow, Capt. North.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Pembroke*.

C. Sign, *Rowley*.

BOSTON, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

*Regimental Orders.*

Zebulon Basset, a soldier in Capt. North's Company, tried at the Regimental Court Martial whereof Capt. Hastings was President for stealing.

The Prisoner pleading guilty, the Court are of opinion that the Crime comes under the sixteenth Article of the thirteenth Section of the Rules and Regulations of the Continental Army, and sentence the Prisoner to receive thirty stripes on his naked Back, but in Consideration of his former good Conduct do recommend him to the Commanding Officer for a Remission of the Stripes.

The Commanding Officer approves the Judgment of the Court, remits the Stripes and orders Basset to joyn his Regiment and attend his Duty.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Salisbury*.

C. Sign, *Talbot*.

Col. Lee's, Col. Henley's, and Col. H. Jackson's Regiments are to prepare themselves to march and joyn the Grand Army without the least loss of time. Immediate and strict Attention to be paid to the Men's Arms, Accouterments and Cloathing. All absent officers and soldiers to joyn their respective Corps immediately.

diately. The Detachment of Wood Cutters at Plymouth are also to be ordered in as soon as possible; particular Care is to be taken of the Provisions lately sent to that Detachment that they may not be wasted or lost. The Guards to be mounted and Duty performed as at Present until further orders.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Vox*.

C. Sign, *Weeden*.

If there are any men at the Rendezvous at Cambridge drafted to serve in the Continental Army for the Term of eight months, they are immediately to repair to Head Quarters Boston, whence they will be sent on immediately to the army. The same mode of conduct is to be followed by the other Drafts whenever they repair to the Rendezvous.

*After Orders.*

Col. Lee's men are to be immediately taken off Duty, and the Regiment marched to Cambridge, and every Preparation made for their marching to joyn the Grand Army without loss of time. The Sentries of the Main Guard are to be reduced accordingly.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Green*.

C. Sign, *Morgan*.

Cols. Lee, Henley and Jackson will immediately  
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make Return of the Christian and Surnames of the Field, Staff and commissioned officers of their respective Regiments, specifying their Rank and the exact Times of their appointments in order to the obtaining of their Commission.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *America*.

C. Sign, *Boston*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

The Main Guard for the future until it is relieved by the Militia, is to consist of one Corporal and six privates only, which are to be mounted from Col. H. Jackson's Reg<sup>t</sup>:

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1777.

The Sentence of Thomas Lake is to be put in Execution on Thursday next (being the Time to which his Execution was suspended) between the Hours of eight and twelve in the Forenoon on the Common in Boston. Adj<sup>t</sup>. Edwards to see the Sentence put in Execution agreeable to former Orders. All the Troops off Duty to attend. The Dep'ty Quarter Master General is to order a Gallows to be erected &c. Lt. Col. Smith to be Field officer of the Day on Thursday next; Adj<sup>t</sup>. of the same Day, Dunckerly; the utmost  
Vigilance

Vigilance to be exerted in preparing the Regiments under Orders for marching which must not be delayed a Moment after they are ready.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 1 OCTOBER, 1777.

Major Procter's Detachment of Militia are to be disposed of as follows, Major, Adjutant, two Captains, 4 Subalterns, eight Serjeants, twelve Corporals, two Drums & two Fifes, and one hundred & twenty privates in Boston.

One Captain, two Subalterns, four Serjeants, six Corporals, one Drum, and forty five Privates at Dorchester Heights.

Two Subalterns, three Serjeants, six Corporals, 1 Drum, & forty-five Privates at Cambridge. The Serjeant & Privates drafted from the Town of Medford to be included in the Cambridge Guard. Major Procter will make the foregoing Disposition as soon as possible.

The Dep'ty Qr. Master General will deliver Tents to the several Regiments now under Marching Orders in the Proportion of one to every six Men. Camp Kettles in the same proportion.

The Indisposition of Body of Thos. Lake being such as renders his Execution to-Morrow impracticable, his Execution is suspended until Monday next.

HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 2 OCTOBER, 1777.

Col. Henley's and Col. H. Jackson's Regt<sup>s</sup> are to be immediately taken off Duty and the necessary Guards at Dorchester are to be mounted by Major Proctor's Detachment of Mililia.

Capt. Stearns who is to do the Duty at Dorchester Heights will receive the ordnance stores, Provisions, etc., from the officers of Col. Jackson's Regiment who now has the Charge of them and receipt therefor.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, 2 OCTOBER, 1777.

The sentence of Thos. Lake is to be put in execution on Monday next on the Common in Boston, between the Hours of eight and twelve o'clock before noon. Adjutant Carew to see the sentence put in execution. All the Troops off duty to attend.

Field officer of the Day on Monday next, Lieut. Col<sup>o</sup>, Cobb; Adj<sup>t</sup> of the Day, Dunckerly.

The troops to be seasonably on the Guard parade.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, BOSTON, 3 OCTOBER, 1777.

The Main Guard as soon as the strength of the Detachment quartered in Town will admit it, is to consist of 1 subaltern, two serjeants, two Corporals, one Drum, and Thirty privates. The two Captains, and the eldest Subaltern quartered in Boston are to act as officer of the Day in Rotation; the officer of the Guard is to  
report

report to the officer of the Day, who will report to the General, adding any remarkable occurrences that may happen during his Tour. Those officers belonging to the Continental Regiments, who do not march with the first Division of their respective Regiments, are assiduously to apply themselves to the Recruiting Service.

Whenever any Corps receive orders to march and joyn the army, the Quartermaster of the Reg<sup>t</sup>, before the Regiment marches off, is to collect all the Utensils which he has receiv'd for the use of the Regiment, and carefully return them to the D<sup>y</sup> Q. M. G., except such as may be necessary to forward with the Regiment.

## ORDERS WHILE ON THE MARCH.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, 19 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Stanwix*.

C. Sign, *Saratoga*.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, RED HOOK, 20 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Red*.

C. Sign, *Hook*.

The same Picquet to be kept to night as was kept last night consisting of the same number.

All the Troops are Ordered to parade to morrow morning at seven o'clock precisely at their respective Brigade Parades.

The General orders half a jill of Rum to be dealt out to each of the Troops upon the Return of their officers.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, RED HOOK, 21 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Clinton*.

C. Sign, *Dubois*.



MAJOR GENERAL PUTNAM'S ORDERS.





HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 25 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Pitt*.

C. Sign, *Barre*.

Col. Webb B. M. Chittenden Adj <sup>t</sup> . Hart	}	Officers of the Day to morrow.
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The Commanding Officers of the Continental Regiments are again ordered forthwith to make Returns of the Cloathing received & what is still wanted by their respective Regiments.

The General strictly forbids all plundering of private Property, robbing of Gardens, burning of Rails, Fences, &c., under the severest Penalties, and the officers are to take especial Care to see that the Troops strictly observe this Order, and to take up any that shall transgress it.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 26 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Paris*.

C. Sign, *Hague*.

Col. Wylls B. M. Humphrey Adj <sup>t</sup> . Harpin	}	Officers of the Day to morrow.
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The General is sorry that the situation of the Enemy is such as puts it out of his Power immediately to discharge the Militia, or what makes him more so is to

hear that some of the Militia, not duly attending to their own Reputation and the safety of the publick, have tarnished their good beginning by a shameful Desertion, whose ill example he trusts none here present will follow. He has received Information that between four and five thousand of the Enemy are collected at or near Fort Montgomery, and should the Militia leave him at this Juncture, Notice of it would immediately be carried to the Enemy by the rascally Tories and all the Barracks and Stores in this part of the Country become easy to be destroyed by them. The General paying proper attention to the pressing Circumstances of the Militia, the publick safety in which our own is involved, and willing to make matters as easy as possible, requests the Militia as they regard themselves, their Families and Posterity and the Safety and Liberty of the Country, will not leave him until regularly discharg'd which he assures them shall be done on Wednesday next and as much sooner as the Reinforcement from the Northward arrives, which he daily expects, excepting those who are drafted for a certain Term of Time.

Col. Wyllys' Regiment of Continental Troops are to be mustered to morrow morning, ten o'clock, at their Regimental Parade.

HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 27 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Boston*.

C. Sign, *Roxbury*.

Lt. Co. Smith }  
Adj<sup>t</sup>. Edwards } Officers of the Day to morrow.

The militia (except those drafted for a certain Time) are ordered to return their Tents and Camp Utensils, arms and ammunition, drawn from the publick stores, into the stores from whence they were taken except the ammunition that has been necessarily expended in the Service.

The General has the Happiness to acquaint the Troops that the Enemy after their infamous and disappointing Expedition up the North River marked with a thousand Instances of little Spite and low Revenge against a Country evidently beyond their Power to conquer, have quitted Peekskill and the adjacent Posts, Fort Montgomery, Clinton, &c., &c.; have passed down the River with their whole Fleet; that General Poor is within two Day's march of this with a good Body of Troops, whereby he has it in his Power to release the Militia considerably sooner than he expected, and altho' they did not arrive soon enough to prevent the Loss of Fort Montgomery, Peekskill, &c. yet they may be assured they have been greatly serviceable in preventing the Enemies making Incursions into the Country, extending their Ravages and spreading desolation and Ruin by Fire and Sword among our Towns and Stores. The General therefore returns

them his thanks in behalf of their Country for the good Services they have done and the noble Spirit of Liberty with which they turned out when called, a Spirit that ever has and will be the Scourge of Tyrants, the Glory and Security of a brave and free People, and takes particular Pleasure in embracing the earliest Moment, consistent with the publick Safety, to gratify their Inclination by dismissing them to return to their Homes and Families, and thereupon directs and orders the several Regiments and Independent Companies of Militia, except those drafted for a certain Time, to be discharg'd, and they are hereby released and discharged from any further Service in the Army under his Command, and have Liberty to return to their respective Homes, hoping they will find their Friends and Families in Health and Safety, long live, and be free, and ever conduct worthy of so exalted a Privilege and Character.

A good silver Watch was found on the seventeenth Oct? Ins<sup>t</sup> between Fish Kill and Poughkeepsie, & now in Possession of Gen<sup>l</sup> Silliman. Any Person applying & making evident his Property shall receive the same.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 28 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Nixon*.

C. Sign, *Poor*.

Major Grosvenor	} Officers of the Day to morrow.
Adj <sup>t</sup> Hart	

HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 29 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Cambridge*. C. Sign, Providence.

Lt. Col. Butler }  
Adj<sup>t</sup> Edwards } Officers of the Day to morrow.

Col. Wyllys & Lt. Col. Smith's Regiments have Liberty to discharge their Pieces this morning under the Direction of their officers.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 30 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Warrior*. C. Sign, *Cobb*.

Col. Wyllys }  
Adj<sup>t</sup> Hart } Officers of the Day to morrow.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 31 OCTOBER, 1777.

Parole, *Clinton*. C. Sign, *Wind*.

Lt. Col. Smith }  
Adj<sup>t</sup> Edwards } Officers of the Day to morrow.

The Commissary is directed to issue one Quart of Salt to every 50 lb. of Fresh Beef issued to the Troops.

Commanding officers of Companies of Artillery, light Dragoons & of Foot, will immediately prepare their several muster Rolls to the first Day of November agreeable to the usual Form. The several Companies of Artillery to be mustered to morrow morning  
at

at 11 o'clock & Col. Wyllys' Regiment at three o'clock in the afternoon.

A Court of Enquiry is appointed upon complaint of Mrs. Catharine Lewson against Capt. Swarthout for plundering her provisions & effects on or about the 17th inst. Lt. Col. Butler, President; three captains from Col<sup>o</sup> Wyllys' Regiment, two Ditto from Col<sup>o</sup> Smith's, to sit to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, at Mr. Cooper's, Tavern keeper.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 1 NOVEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Kingston*.

C. Sign, *Esopus*.

Lt. Col. Cobb }  
Adj<sup>t</sup> Carew } Officers of the Day to morrow.

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HEAD-QUARTERS, FISH KILL, 2 NOVEMBER, 1777.

Parole, *Warner*.

C. Sign, *Hamilton*.

The Detachment of Col. Lee's Regiment under Command of Lt. Col. Smith & the Detachment of Col. Jackson's Reg<sup>t</sup> under the Command of Lt. Col. Cobb are for the present annexed to Gen<sup>l</sup> Parson's Brigade, & are to do duty therein until Further Orders.

*After Orders. 2 o'clock.*

In Consequence of Intelligence just received from his Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington, the Detachment from Col. Lee's and Jackson's Reg<sup>ts</sup> are ordered to  
cross

cross Hudson's River to Morrow Morning and march with all Dispatch to join Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington in the most direct Rout instead of marching down to join Gen<sup>l</sup> Parsons as was ordered.\*

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\* The next order is dated at White Marsh, 20 November, 1777, showing a junction with the "Grand Army" and, of consequence, that the orders were those of General Washington. As it is intended to print these in regular order, they are not given in this place. The regiment remained with the main army until 2 December, after which date there are no orders entered until 29 December, 1777, when Lancaster appears as the station. The Regiment was then under the orders of Lt. Col. Wm. S. Smith.





**LT. COL. WILLIAM S. SMITH'S ORDERS.**



LANCASTER, 29 DECEMBER, 1777.

*Garrison Orders.*

The Duty of the officer of the Day for the future to be confined solely to the Line of Captains. A Subaltern to be immediately sent to take the Command of the Guard stationed at Connestoga Creek at Webb's Ferry, who is to attend strictly to the apprehending of all Deserters and particularly to the Examination of all Persons in a Soldier's Dress and others that appear to be suspicious Characters. If the Account they give of themselves is not satisfactory they are to be detained as Prisoners and march'd to my Quarters upon the Guard being relieved. This Guard is to be furnished from the Continental Soldiers at present here daily, and as it is not properly a Commissioned officer's Command, it is to be march'd off from the Parade by the Serjeant or Corporal to its Station, the Officer commanding it repairing to his Post at the Hour for the Relief to be made. He must also make a strict Examination into all Waggons coming from Camp; if containing any Continental Property, it must be retained and a Report made every Morning of the Quantity and what kind; if any Woman or other Person passing shall have with them Soldiers' Blankets or Cloathing that shall appear to belong to the Continent, they are to be taken.

The Officer of the Day with a small guard from the Militia to patrol the Streets twice between the Hours of eight and twelve at Night, visit the Taverns and Ale Houses and take up all Persons indiscriminately, who are disturbing the Peace of the Good People of this Town, the Soldiers are therefore to be attentive and be in their Barracks and Quarters immediately after Tattoo beating. A Breach of these orders in the least Tittle shall meet with severe Punishment. The Soldiers who are return'd fit for duty must attend Roll Call Morning and Evening, the officer of the Day to be particular that the Men are punctual in their attendance.

No Soldier is to be permitted to pass out of the Barrack Gate on any Pretence whatever, unless an officer going with him to the Guard permits.

The Officer of the Day to dine at the Commanding officer's Quarters at 2 o'Clock.

The Adjutants to be particular as to the Warning of the Officers for Duty the Evening before either verbally or by leaving a Note at their Quarters. A Weekly Return to be made of the State of the Detachments.

There are some persons who seem to pay no attention to their own or the Character of the Detachments, the Commanding officer requests them, without mentioning Names, to alter their Conduct, or public Examples shall be made.

*After Orders.*

The Tatoo to be beaten precisely at 8 o'Clock. Upon the Return of the Drums to the Barrack the Gates to be immediately locked.

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LANCASTER, 30 DECEMBER, 1777.

*Garrison Orders.*

For the future, no officer shall be absent from his Quarters after Tatoo beating, nor go one Mile from the Town without leave previously obtained from one of the Field officers.

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LANCASTER, 1 JANUARY, 1778.

A Court Martial to sit to morrow morning at eleven o'clock at Adjutant Erwine's Room in the Barracks for the Tryal of such Prisoners as shall be brought before them.

Capt. Dolliver, Presid<sup>t</sup>

Lt. Whitesell	} Members.	{ Lt. Hubley
Lt. Leverett		

In orders issued the 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777, it was required that no officer should be absent from his Quarters after Tattoo beating, the Commanding Officer finding that the Innocent suffer with the Guilty Indiscriminately, thinks proper to disannul the Order, & it is accordingly from henceforth repealed.

LANCASTER, 3 JANUARY, 1778.

The Officers commanding particular Companies must make Returns of the Number of Musquets that want repairing & deliver the Returns to the Adjutant to Morrow Morning that they may be put in proper Order. The Officer of the Day in going the Rounds thro' the Barracks is desired to be particular in the Examination of the Arms that they are kept in good Order, neat & clean, & placed in such a part of the Room that they will be most out of the way of being injured. The Soldier that is found negligent in this Part of his Duty, the Officer of the Day must not let pass unpunished. The officers are also desired to make out their Pay Rolls for the Month of November without delay and deliver them to the Commanding Officer.

A Return to be immediately made of all the Taylors & Shoemakers in the Detachments, their Names, Regiment & Company to be certified & left at the commanding Officer's Quarters.

Hugh Glinn, a Soldier in the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, tried at the Court Martial whereof Capt. Dolliver was President, for absenting himself from his Quarters for three weeks without Leave—the Court considering the very bad Consequences that attends desertion or Soldiers leaving their Corps without leave, & finding him guilty of a Breach of the second Article in the sixth Section of the Rules of the Continental Army, do adjudge that the Prisoner Hugh Glinn  
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do receive one hundred Stripes on his bare Back & return to his Duty.

The Commanding Officer approves the Sentence & orders it to be put in Exection this Evening at Retreat Beating.

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LANCASTER, 5 JANUARY, 1778.

*General Orders.*

All the Officers & Soldiers in this Town & its vicinity are to parade to Morrow Morning at 10 o'Clock at the Court House. It is expected that every officer will exert himself in finding out & parading the Soldiers belonging to the American Army without distinction of either State or Regiment. No Excuse can be admitted for the non-attendance of the Officers.

ANTHONY WAYNE, B. G.

The Men must also attend to, which is never to pass an officer with his Hat on (there are but few who are guilty of this breach of Politeness) a Circumstance which may at first View appear trivial, but upon Consideration must appear of Importance, for Nothing shews a greater Want of good Breeding and Military Discipline, than to see a Soldier passing his officer with his Hat on, and opens a Door for the spectator to make ill natur'd observations upon the Regiment in General for this Breach of Politeness in Individuals. As an Example in this Matter, the Commanding Officer would recommend to the Soldiers to observe the Behaviour

Behaviour of their officers, when they will find they never accost each other but with the greatest Politeness.

It is with Pleasure the Commanding officer observes Drum Maj<sup>r</sup>. Scott so attentive to his Duty in having the Drums and Fifes under his Command kept neat and clean, and assures him and the soldiers in general that these Circumstances and Attention to discipline shall meet with the Regard it merits.

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LANCASTER, 10 JANUARY, 1778.

A Court Martial to sit to-Morrow Morning at ten o'clock at Adj<sup>t</sup>. Carew's Quarters for the Trial of Lt. Hunt charged with disobedience of the orders issued on the thirtieth of December, 1777.

Major Tyler, Presid<sup>t</sup>.

Capt. Trescott	Capt. Orne
Brown	North
Jarvis	Lieut. Reed
Lieut <sup>t</sup> . Walker	Castang
Lieut. Leverett	Ens <sup>n</sup> . Smith
Ens <sup>n</sup> . Otis	Barber.
Cap <sup>t</sup> . Cartwright, J. Adv <sup>te</sup>	

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LANCASTER, 11 JANUARY, 1778.

Lieut. Hunt tried at the Court Martial whereof Major Tyler was President for disobedience of the Orders



Orders issued the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1777—the Court having maturely considered the Charge and carefully perused the orders for the Government of the Garrison, and conceiving the orders of the 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1777, to have been annull'd and repealed by Order under the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> Inst., do declare the Charge against Lieut. Hunt not Supported and that Lieut. Hunt is honorably acquitted.

The Commanding officer disapproves the Sentence and dissolves the Court. The Prisoner still to continue under his Arrest.

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LANCASTER, 12 JANUARY, 1778.

A Corporal and six Men to be draughted to Morrow Morning to relieve the Guard stationed at Canostoga Creek, and to be relieved every Morning from the Parade. The Guard for the future to be stationed on this side. The officer of the Guard must quarter his Men Equally at the Houses near; there being three, two must be placed in each till a Guard House can be built. They are to permit no spirituous Liquors to pass unless they have a permit from Persons authorized to give one.

A Serjeant, Corporal and twelve Men from the Granadiers, to hold themselves in readiness to attend Maj<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Gates on his arrival in Town. They are to be chosen out immediately and inform'd of the occasion for which they are draughted, that they may have  
time

time to get their Cloaths and Accoutrements clean. The Commanding officer by giving this timely Notice expects to see them full dress'd and powder'd with their Caps on. On the Arrival of Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates, the Adjutant of the Day to see the Men paraded & March'd off to the General's Quarters as expeditiously as possible.

The Room in the rear of the Meeting House to be reserv'd for the Soldiers that have the Itch to anoint themselves in.

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LANCASTER, 13 JANUARY, 1778.

A Court Martial to sit to Morrow Morning at eleven o'Clock for the Trial of Daniel McBride, confined in the Quarter Guard for absenting himself from his Quarters without Leave.

Capt. Browne, Presid<sup>t</sup>

Lt. Jackson	}	Members	{	Lt. Hobby
Lt. Lamb				Lt. Selden.

The Officers to attend Roll call Morning & Evening, & be particular as to the Attendance of their Men.

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LANCASTER, 15 JANUARY, 1778.

Daniel McBride, a Soldier in Capt. North's Comp<sup>y</sup>, Col. Lee's Reg<sup>t</sup>, tried at the Court Martial whereof Capt. Brown was President for absenting himself from his Quarters without Leave.

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The Court after due Consideration are of Opinion that the Prisoner is guilty of a Breach of the second Article of the sixth Section & do adjudge that he receive fifty Lashes well laid on his naked Back & that the Prisoner return to his Duty.

The Commanding Officer taking into Consideration the Behaviour of the Prisoner & that he was guilty of the Crime of Desertion whilst the Regiment lay at Cambridge & was not punished for it, owing intirely to a disposition in his Officers not to punish a Soldier unless absolutely necessary, thinks proper to approve the Sentence of the Court & orders it to be put in Execution this Evening at Retreat Beating.

The Court Martial whereof Capt. Brown is President is dissolved.

A Court Martial to sit for the Trial of Ensign Jenkins, arrested by Capt. Trescott for disobedience of orders, the Court to sit at the Barracks at twelve o'Clock this Day.

Major Tyler, Presd<sup>t</sup>

Capt. Dolliver	} Members {	Capt. Orne
Capt. Browne		Capt. Van Horne
Lt. Hawkes		Lt. Reed
Lt. Lamb		Lt. Hobby
Lt. Jackson		Lt. Castang
Ens <sup>n</sup> Smith		Ens <sup>n</sup> Thacher

Capt. Cartwright, J. Adv<sup>te</sup>

The Place of Parade for the future to be in front of the Market.

LANCASTER, 16 JANUARY, 1778.

Ensign Jenkins, tried at the Court Martial whereof Major Tyler is President for disobedience of Orders.

The Court are of Opinion that Ensign Jenkins used his utmost Endeavours to execute the orders he received from Capt. Trescott, that he applied for the List of Men to Mr. Phelan, his superior officer, & therefore declare the charge not supported & the Prisoner honorably acquitted.

The Commanding Officer approves the Sentence & orders Ensign Jenkins to be released from his Arrest & return to his Duty.

LANCASTER, 19 JANUARY, 1778.

The Court Martial whereof Maj<sup>t</sup>. Tyler is President, is dissolved.

LANCASTER, 20 JANUARY, 1778.

A Court Martial to sit this Morning at 12 o'Clock for the Tryal of such Prisoners as shall be brought before them.

Capt. Jarvis, Presid<sup>t</sup>

Lt. Phelan	}	Members.	}	Lt. Walker
Lt. Turner				Ensign Barber

The Guard that was ordered to attend the Hon<sup>ble</sup> M. G. Gates are to hold themselves in Readiness, as he is expected in Town this Afternoon. The Commanding

manding Officer taking into Consideration the disagreeable Situation of Lt. Hunt, being under an arrest for Disobedience of Orders & receiving Assurances from that Gentleman that his Behaviour proceeded from Misunderstanding of Orders, & that he did not mean to fly in the face of Authority, which from his former Behaviour as an Officer no Person has a right to imagine, the Commanding Officer thinks proper to release him from his Arrest & desires that he will return to his Duty.

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LANCASTER, 6 MARCH, 1778.

As the Detachments from Col<sup>os</sup> Lee's, Henley's & Jackson's Reg<sup>ts</sup> will probably march soon for Camp, the Director of the Hospital thinks it necessary that those Men who have had the Small Pox in this Place should take one dose of Physick to disperse any Humour that may remain & prevent Relapses. For this purpose he has furnished Adj<sup>t</sup>. Edwards of Col. Lee's Reg<sup>t</sup> with a dose per Man, which he will deliver out this Day. The non-commissioned officers of Col. Lee's Reg<sup>t</sup> must wait on the Adj<sup>t</sup> for the Physick with their particular Companies. The Serg<sup>t</sup>. Major of Col. Jackson's Reg<sup>t</sup> to draw for the Reg<sup>t</sup> & deliver it out to his Serjeants who are requested to be very particular that every Man has his Proportion, & the Commanding Officer requests the Soldiers as they value their own Health & Constitution not to waste the  
Medicine,

Medicine, but to use it properly, as a failure in this particular may be attended with Consequences that may prove fatal to the Delinquents. It must be taken in the Morning early & work'd off with Water Gruel. To Morrow is the Day appointed for this Purpose, in Consequence of which the Regiment will be excused from Roll-call. For the future they are to parade with their Arms & Accoutrements in good Order. As the Time of the Regiment's marching is totally uncertain, it is recommended to the officers to put their affairs in such a Situation that they may be ready to march at the shortest Notice.

W<sup>m</sup> S. Smith, L<sup>t</sup> Col. Comm<sup>d</sup>.

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LANCASTER, 15 MARCH, 1778.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief having been pleased to order Henry Mansin and Wendell Myer to be executed on the Morrow, being Monday March the sixteenth, between the Hours of 10 o'Clock in the Morning and one in the Afternoon in the most publick Manner—the Troops therefore will assemble at ten o'clock on the Parade, when the disposition of the whole will be made agreeable to Plan delivered to L<sup>t</sup> Col. Smith, who is to be Field officer of the Day. It is expected that the Gentlemen officers who are in Town (not actually on Duty) will be present at the Execution.

Execution. The Procession to begin at half past 11 o'clock from the Goal.

G. Gibson, Col. Com.\*

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\* The next entry is at Valley Forge, 1 April, 1778, showing a union with the grand army, and until June the orders are those of the Commander in Chief. A break then occurs to December, 1778, when the regiment was under the command of Major General Sullivan in Rhode Island.

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